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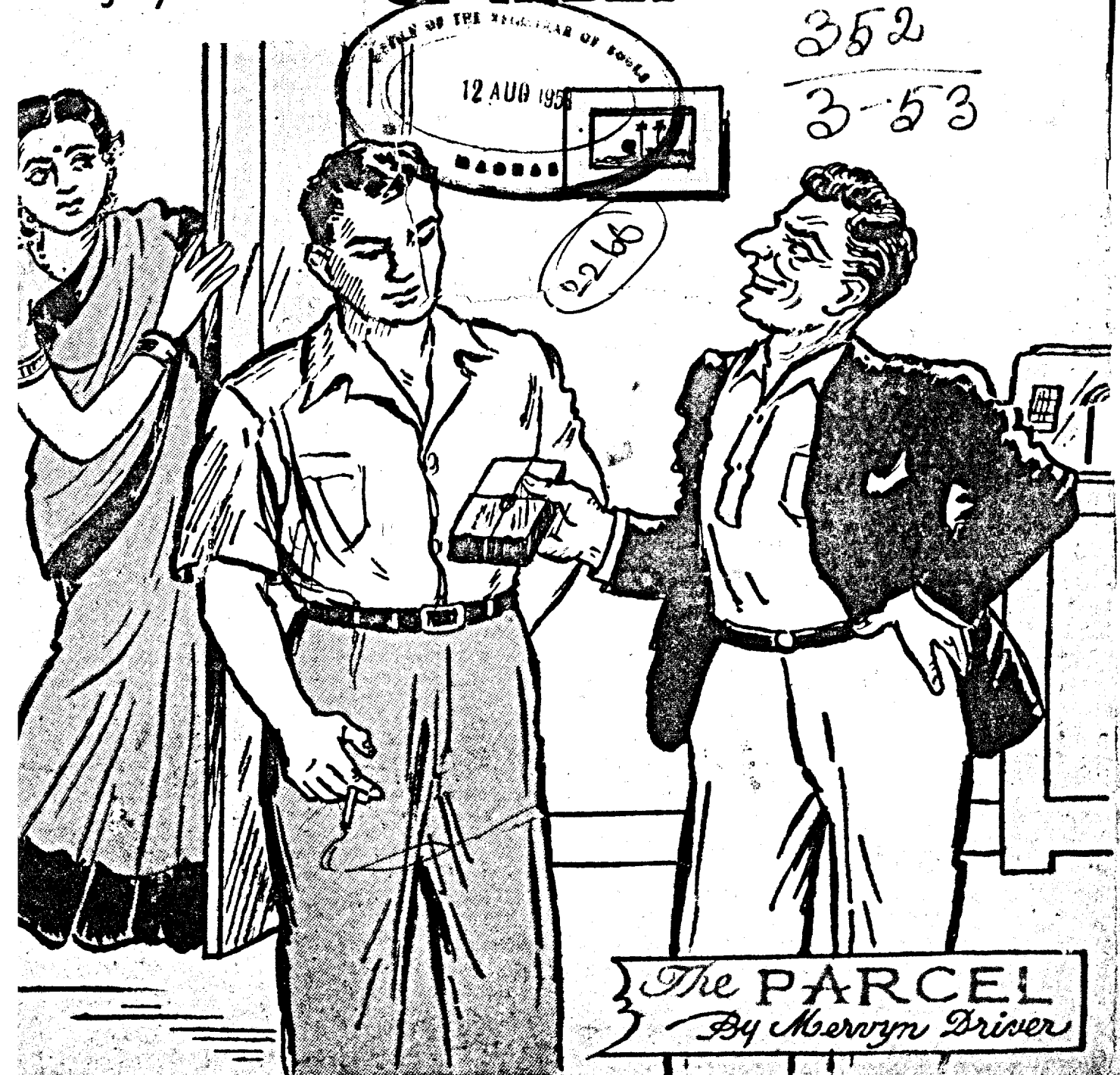
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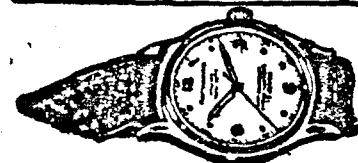
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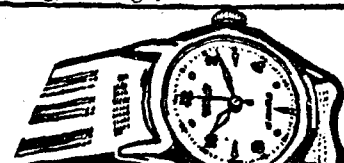
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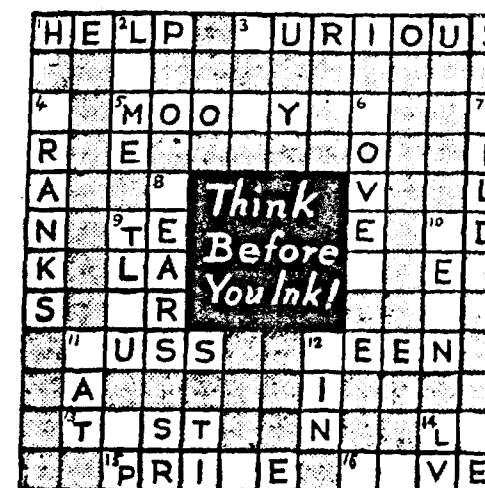
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12. Children are always — to show to as many as possible the present they receive, however worthless it might be.
13. To put to proof.
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Towards Social And Economic Freedom

THE various resolutions adopted by the All-India Congress Committee at Agra, last week, showed a keen sense of realism and a full awareness of limitations and the difficulties to be overcome. Pandit Nehru, speaking on India's foreign policy, naturally dwelt at length on the Korean issue. Although Communists have now indicated their readiness to sign an armistice and are prepared to ignore South Korea, what the Congress President said at Agra still seems valid. He said that the people of every country had been looking forward to an early peace eagerly because Korea was entangled with larger world problems and peace in Korea was an approach to peace all over the world.

Most noteworthy of the resolutions passed by the A. I. C. C. were those touching on the social and economic programme and the imperative need to check the growing evil of unemployment. The quickening of the pace of progress in regard to land reform, extension of small savings scheme and State insurance to rural areas and the expeditious enactment of the various parts of the Hindu Code Bill—these were recommended in the resolution on social and economic programme. Mr. Lal Bahadur Shastri who moved it said that it would be a great thing if we achieved economic freedom within twenty years. Zamindari abolition was yet to be completed in some States and then only they could begin the task of distributing land among the landless.

The small savings scheme should be promoted so that direct taxation could be avoided and funds could be raised for develop-

ment. The law's delays were proverbial and the procedural code must be thoroughly revised to enable even the poorest of the poor to seek justice and secure it with the minimum of expense. The speaker hinted that the Government of India would soon come out with a scheme to "improve the working of courts."

Opposing the resolution, Mr. Biswanath Das of Orissa sharply criticised inclusion of the reference to the Hindu Code Bill and wondered whether the members gathered were familiar with all its sections and clauses and whether they realised their full significance. "Why not have a common code for all communities?" he demanded. "Why don't you face it? Is it that you cannot face all communities and all religious denominations and you want to amend only the Hindu law because you can do it? Is that fair?"

The Congress President intervened at this stage to recall how the last general elections had been fought by Congressmen on the issue of the Hindu Code Bill and declared solemnly that Congress stood for reform, social, economic and political and for an integrated approach to all problems. And he called on any person who did not believe in social reform among Hindus to walk out at once and join some reactionary group.

Is there no room for honest differences among members of a democratic body which the Congress is so well recognised to be? Even in the British Labour Party we find two groups almost diametrically opposed to each other, one led by Mr. Attlee and the other by Mr. Bevan.

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NEWS AND NOTES

First Release

Although the Tungabhadra dam is yet to be completed, waters have been released through the irrigation supply canals in Hyderabad and Madras. With a restricted flow, 6,000 acres on the Hyderabad side will be irrigated while in Madras, crops can be raised on just 2,000 acres. Rayalaseema in Madras and the bordering area in Hyderabad will receive the full benefit of the reservoir; what is now parched land may soon turn into a large field of smiling green.

But even here Nature has got to be continuously kind and generous. Elsewhere in the South failure of rains has often reduced the water level in reservoirs and dams almost to the bottom. There were times when no water was available for the use of ryots and consequent electricity cuts paralysed various industries and hundreds of labourers were thrown out of employment. Let us hope and pray that the new dam has better luck.

Emblem Of Life

Inaugurating the fourth annual Vanamahotsava in Delhi last week, President Prasad referred to the destruction caused to the forests during the Second World War and said such gradual denudation had resulted in a decrease of rainfall. The perils of drought and erosion must be warded off, he urged.

This year's summer will long be remembered for the unusual heat wave and the heavy toll of lives that it took. Perhaps if there had been more trees on avenues to give a cool shade to the wayfarer, there would have been less suffering on account of the heat. But even the few avenue trees present a tragic appearance to-day. Shorn of leaf

and bark, they stand bare. In a broadcast on Vanamahotsava day, Dr. Punjabrao Deshmuk, Union Minister for Agriculture, drew pointed attention to this vandalism. "The goat-herd, with a flock behind him and armed with an iron hook at the end of a long bamboo stick, is the primary culprit. He ruthlessly cuts down branches to feed his goats, and stately trees with little or no crown is a common sight along many of our roads. There are yet others who regularly cut branches, and sometimes even the bark for use as fuel." There were yet others, added the Minister, who bored a hole into the trunk of a magnificent tree and started a smouldering fire to bring about its slow death.

The official claim is that Vanamahotsava is slowly succeeding. Nearly half the number of trees so far planted have survived. Many people, especially those in the countryside, have realised the significance of this festival and are said to be very enthusiastic. If all of us become tree-conscious, that will indeed be a substantial achievement. Dr. Deshmuk finally appealed to the people, "in the name of the green tree, the emblem and essence of all life," to go ahead in a very determined and steadfast manner.

Prominent Leader

Sri S. Muthiah Mudaliar, who passed away last week, was a prominent figure in the public life of South India. He made his mark early in his life as a shrewd lawyer and was returned to the Legislative Council under the Panagal regime. Later on, he joined Dr. Subbarayan's Ministry and took over the portfolio of Public Health and Excise.

Even after his retirement he evinced a deep interest in the political and social developments of the country and earned the esteem and respect of one and all.

Unemployment

The All-India Congress Committee has taken note of the growing evil of unemployment in the country. It is more than two years since the Five-Year Plan was launched but the tragedy is that more jobless young men trudge along the streets and roads, eating their hearts out in the search for a 'vacant situation.' And seventy per cent. of those who file out of schools and colleges with certificates or degrees have a bleak future staring them in the face.

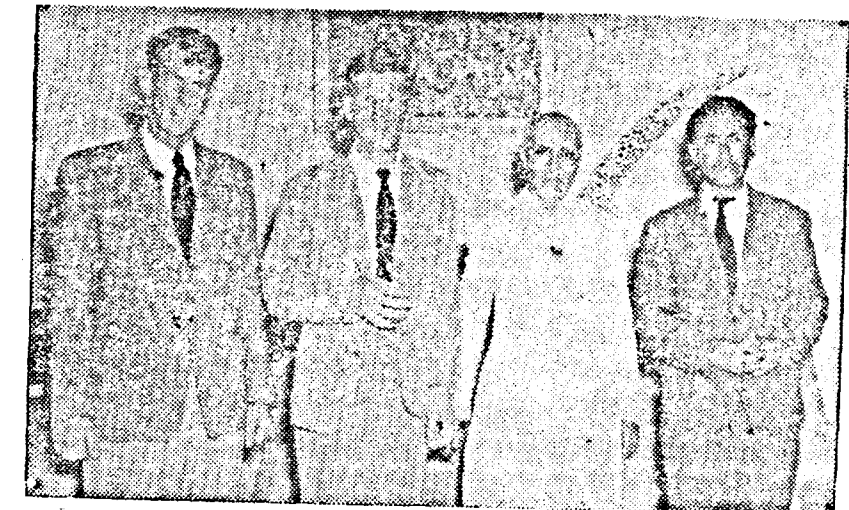
As the Congress resolution points out, "the aim of a Welfare State is to provide full employment to the people. An important test of national planning with a view to realising a Welfare State must, therefore, be progressively fuller employment of the people." Even though there has been some perceptible expansion of industrial and agricultural production in the country under the Five-Year Plan, there is evidence of considerable economic distress.

There is no doubt that there is a trade depression and that it has hit the private sector more directly. Money conditions are very tight and credit facilities have mostly been withdrawn. And in many firms, large and small, there are reports of a free use of the retrenchment axe. Perhaps the present international situation has much to do with the slump. The result of it all is that people have very little purchasing power to-day. According to the A. I. C. C. resolution, the major

In The News



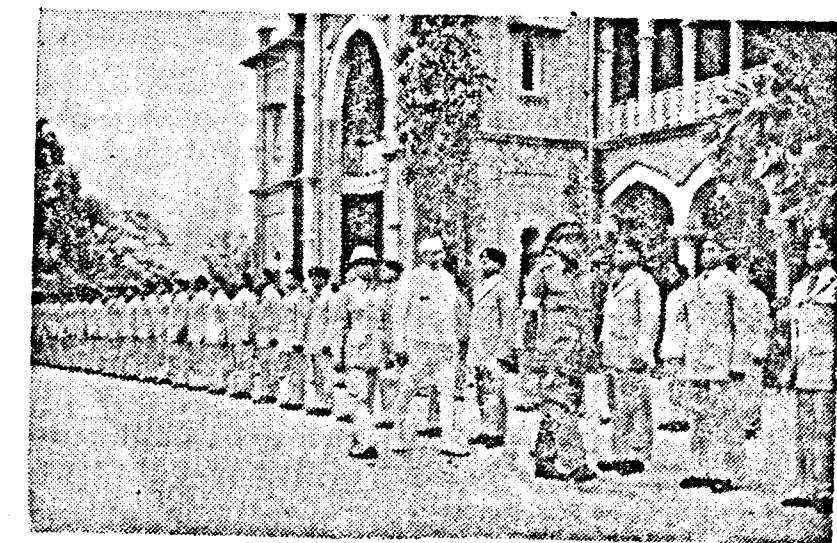
Shri T.R. Venkatrama Sastri, the well-known Liberal statesman and lawyer, who passed away recently.



The Prime Minister, Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, gave a reception to the members of the Everest Expedition at New Delhi recently. Seen in the photo are: Sir Edmund Hillary, Col. Sir John Hunt, Shri Jawaharlal Nehru & Mr. Tensing Norkay.



Mr. Richard M. Nixon, Vice-President of the U.S.A., who will make a goodwill tour of Southern Asia and the Far East during October and November.



H.E. Shri Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, is seen inspecting the Guard of Honour presented by the Ranger students of the Madras Forest College, Coimbatore, on the occasion of the College convocation held recently.

cause of unemployment is the insufficient expansion of opportunities of work in relation to the increasing population of the country. "In view of the under-developed condition of the country, this deficiency can be made up only by a vigorous, adequate and many-sided programme of economic development."

But re-examination of the whole question is urgently called for if disaster is to be staved off. The Five-Year Plan seems inadequate to cope with this problem.

Tail Wags Dog!

The possibilities of a truce in Korea are becoming dim and remote. Dr. Syngman Rhee has stormed and threatened; he will take action against Indian troops if they set foot on Korean soil to fulfil their part of the undertaking. It now looks as if there will be very little work for the Neutral Nations Commission to do. There will probably be few prisoners of war left.

The United States' attitude to the whole issue is intriguing. Is it marking time or as some British M. P.'s hold, does it want the war to go on? Anyway, Dr. Rhee is shaking Washington even as the tail sometimes wags the dog. The U. S. is embarrassed, perhaps. How can it oppose or ignore a Government to whose rescue it came rushing when the war started? That is American contention. Meanwhile it cannot be unaware that the war goes on and many lives are being needlessly sacrificed to gratify the whim of a petty dictator who has been bolstered up by its arms and money.

We for our part have our own grave doubts whether a truce will be brought nearer even if the prisoner-of-war question is dropped by China on the persuasion of her friends. The U.S. intensely dislikes the idea of seeing Communist China in the Security Council. What will become of Chiang then? The future of Formosa is another question mark to which Washington would prefer to turn a blind eye. It would rather let sleeping dogs lie. The Bermuda Conference has been conveniently postponed. Sir Winston Churchill is enjoying his

holiday. Pandit Nehru's request for reconvening the U.N. Assembly to take stock of the situation in the light of new developments has also been turned down. So Dr. Rhee seems to be the only spokesman...! Latest reports that the Chinese are ready for an armistice have kindled new hopes of an early peace.

In Calcutta

Citizens of Calcutta cannot be congratulated on the recent disturbances that convulsed their great city. Over trifles excitement is often whipped up and the city is handed over to mob rule. The removal to hospital of a man on hunger-strike by authorities led to a severe and unfortunate clash between the people and the police. Forty persons were arrested and a bus and a post office were burnt down as a result.

The increase in tram fare was responsible for another wave of violence. There were regular showers of crackers (in action) and brickbats against the custodians of law and order. A *hartal* paralysed all normal life and routine, and several visitors and newcomers were greatly inconvenienced. Most frightening aspect of this disturbance was the use of bombs.

One wonders whether such methods should be resorted to when we have come into our own. Authorities have been tactless in raising the fare at a time when the purchasing power of the people is so very low, but a constitutional approach to Government would certainly have brought the desired results. It is clear that

the Communists had a hidden hand in the whole affair.

Winterton's Ire

The Tory Government is rushing a Bill through Parliament to promulgate a constitution for the proposed Federation of the two Rhodesias and Nyasaland. We all know what a clever manoeuvre it is to ensure the supremacy of the Whites. During the debate in the House of Lords, Lord Winterton recalled a remark of Pandit Nehru's that the whole of Africa might be ablaze and asked whether our Prime Minister had forgotten that five million people in India were either murdered or rendered homeless when freedom was imposed upon us. If Lord Winterton has any regard for truth, he needs only to brush up his memory. The Britishers had already set up one community against another and intended that freedom should be reduced to zero when they left the shores of India. For the massacre and the blood bath that followed, they were mainly responsible.

Winterton's fulminations apart, there was much force in Pandit Nehru's sincere warning that the whole of Africa would rise in revolt some day against White domination. Even Labour Peers who took part in the debate almost echoed our Prime Minister's view. Lord Stansgate, for instance, feared that a voteless industrial proletariat would be a danger to the Federation itself. What is happening under Malan's tyrannical rule is common knowledge. And in French Africa things are no better.

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Solving by Stages

It is a heartening sign that both the public and the press are now giving serious attention to the problem of beggars. While laying the foundation-stone of the Bala Vihar Rotary Cottage in Alagappanagar, Kilpauk, Sir C.P. Ramaswami Iyer expressed his considered view that the beggar problem must be approached, and solved, by stages.

In the good old days, he said, when life was very simple and people lived in the villages, the householder would find out those who were needy and starving and generously fed them. "The 'Poor Law' was administered individually, sporadically, no doubt, but with care and attention."

Such a state of things was altered beyond recognition now. The village, in its pristine form, where granaries were bursting did not exist. There was little water in the wells; choultries had fallen on hard times. Thus charity which was once spontaneous, individual and personal had lost its objective. Other forms of charity had, therefore, to be devised.

The distinguished speaker then went on to point out how Poor Relief was organized in Britain. Each parish had to contribute a certain amount by way of tax, and the money, collected, was spent towards the maintenance of the aged, the infirm and the poor. What were known as the work-houses or homes for the poor did not work properly because officials dominated these institutions. "They became arrogant, insolent and offensive to the unfortunate."

In the India of today, observed Sir C.P., the position was different and also difficult. Urban areas were overcrowded, a large number of villagers had migrated to the towns and, thanks to the complications arising from the refugee problem, beggars were found everywhere. And so long as beggary was not abolished, it had a corroding and corrupting influence upon society as a whole. "It degraded the man who begged

and also the man who helped the beggar with money. Many beggars thought they could make money by begging; they had even apprentices, and trained small children, especially female children in that nefarious activity. Indiscriminate charity would have a deleterious effect on society."

Legislation was, therefore, necessary to do away with begging. If a census was taken, it would certainly facilitate our task. Society must have to bear the burden of maintaining the disabled. Others should be provided with work to enable them to earn their livelihood. Once the institutions started functioning no more beggars would be allowed to enter the city of Madras. Other cities like Madurai and Tiruchi should also have Poor Homes to solve the local problem.

Sir C.P. recalled his earlier efforts in Travancore. After a census was taken, the administration turned its attention to Trivandrum where a Poor Home, a reformatory and a feeding place were started. In three years they had succeeded in collecting Rs. 25 lakhs. Soon other towns like Quilon and Kottayam followed suit.

Mayor Chengalvarayan, who followed, stated that he had outlined a similar scheme for Madras City. A Beggar Relief Fund would soon be started with the object of feeding, clothing and housing destitute, disabled or aged persons including vagrant children. The Fund would be constituted by voluntary contributions collected from the various employments in the City.

The Mayor has begun well and he deserves the support of all citizens in the present venture to which he has given much thought and attention. But he has to race against time. Within a short period of four months he has to give the scheme a concrete shape.

Advocate of Moderation

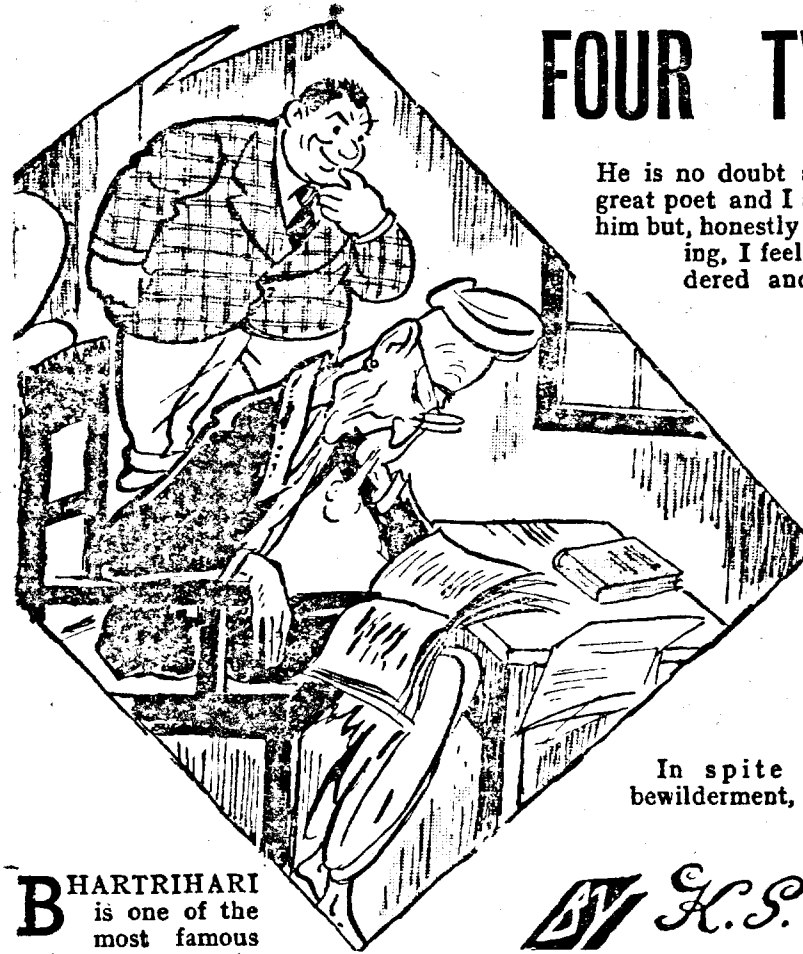
In the death of Sir. T. R. Venkatarama Sastri the country has lost a refined scholar and a Liberal leader of great eminence. One of the ablest lawyers in South India, he rose to be Advocate-General and zealously guarded the prestige of the Bar. He was elected President of the National Liberal Federation in 1935 and even though he was fully aware that his party was shrinking and dwindling in strength, he never gave up his advocacy of moderation and slow change through constitutional methods.

In the face of Congress strides towards freedom and the High Command's talk of a bloodless revolution in the economic sphere, the Liberal Party almost became defunct but Sri Venkatarama Sastri had a firm conviction that intellectual India would never give up the Liberal way of thought or principle.

But unlike many Liberals, Sri Sastriar never at any time suppressed his sense of independence or integrity to accommodate the British ruler. Within a few days of his appointment as a Member of the Executive Council, he resigned and came out because he thought his powers had been whittled down.

Even during his illness and retirement he took a keen interest in the social and political questions that faced the country. Many will be surprised to learn that he stood for thoroughgoing reforms for Hindu society and gave his vigorous support to the Hindu Code Bill. Till the last moment of his death he wrote articles for the press, pulling up the governments (both Central and State) when they hastened with faulty measures liable to create complications. His counsel was highly valued both by authorities and the public. He straightened out many a tangle in law and had a fine knack for boiling down any issue and laying bare the essentials. So great was the clarity of his thought and expression.

FOUR TYPES OF MEN!



He is no doubt a very great poet and I admire him but, honestly speaking, I feel bewildered and lost.

hilarity which was heightened by Mrs. Nesan's peerless well-flavoured coffee. He tapped me on the shoulder and asked me: "Why are you so down and out-to-day?"

I told him about the verse.

He said: "Your Bhartrihari is a wonderful man. Such malignant demons as are bent on destroying others even though such destruction brings no benefit to themselves existed, exist, and will exist for ever so long as human nature is what it has been. Though the poet says,

*'Move upward working out the beast
And let the ape and tiger die,'*

In spite of my bewilderment, I read

the ape and tiger seem to occupy more space in the human heart than ever before."

H. S. Ramaswami Sastri

BHARTRIHARI is one of the most famous didactic poets in India. But he sometimes goes to extremes. At least, that is my view. For instance, in one set of verses called *Sringara Tataka* devoted to the praise of women, he even invents a new mantra: *Namo Bhagawate Makaradhwajaya* (I bow to the Almighty Cupid).

He says that Cupid has made even Gods, Brahma, Vishnu and Siva, the humble servants and slaves of their wives—mere hewers of wood and drawers of water (*Grihakumbhadasa*). He says that nectar dwells in the lips of women, that their bodies are made of the essence of moonlight and shines with the lustre of all the gems, etc., etc., and that when Viswamitra and other sages succumb to the charms of women, the eaters of rice, wheat, curry and curds have no chance.

But in the next century of verses called *Vairagyasataka* he strikes the opposite note and says that some foolish and infatuated poets compare the feminine face to the moon and utter other idiotic views.

him often—probably because, though I am a nonentity when compared with him, I am, like him, a mixture of many temperaments and have as bewildering and incomprehensible a fusion or confusion of temperaments as he had.

THE other day, I was reading with much relish the verse in which he describes the three types of men viz. (1) the divine men who have no trace of selfishness and egoism and live only for others; (2) the human men who live equally for self-aggrandisement and help of others; (3) the demoniacal men who ruin others for their own happiness. He then asks: "How shall I classify the fourth type who ruin others without any benefit to themselves?"

I felt infinitely saddened and intrigued by this analysis of the human nature. I kept the book in my hands and fell into a reverie sad and sighing and with turned-down lips. Dr. Nesan came in just then, full of his egotistical

I told Dr. Nesan: "Can that be true? I have no doubt heard about the Chandrapushkarini story but have always regarded it as a mere legend."

Dr. Nesan had not heard about it and asked me to recount it.

I said: "There was a man who was suffering from unbearable colic. He resolved to commit suicide. He could have done so in a well or a tank or a lake or a river or the ocean. By some strange mental freakishness or malignancy he committed suicide by throwing himself into the famous Chandrapushkarini tank in the Srirangam temple.

"The result was that the worship in the temple had to be suspended till the corpse was removed and all the inhabitants in the neighbourhood, even including children, had to be without food and starve. That is the origin of the proverb: 'He not only ruined himself but spoiled also the Chandrapush-

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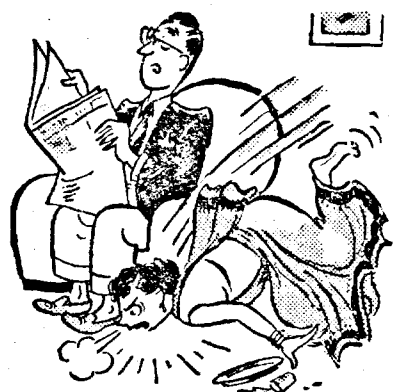
AQUARISTS' CORNER:

DISEASES OF TROPICAL FISHES

Fishes are susceptible to a large variety of diseases some of which are comparable to those found in higher vertebrates, including man. In general, they are classified as parasitic and non-parasitic diseases. Only a relatively few are transmittable to man, writes Ross F. Nigrelli, Pathologist, New York Aquarium, in the New Jersey Aquarium Society Bulletin, which is reproduced by *The Indian Aquarist*, the official organ of The Aquarist Society of India, 251, Hornby Road, Bombay.

The parasitic agents are viruses, bacteria, myotic (fungus), protozoa, monogenetic and digenetic flukes, tapeworms, roundworms (ascariids), spiny-headed worms, copepods (fish-lice), etc. Virus diseases are rare and have been incriminated only by circumstantial evidence. Certain South American investigators reported a virus disease in fishes of the Amazon and its tributaries as "infectious stomatitis" (inflammation of the mouth). Some frequently occurring tumours (papillomas) are suspected as being caused by virus because of inclusion bodies present in the affected cells. Among the bacterial diseases of tropical fresh-water fish, tuberculosis is the more common and most interesting because of its similarity to T.B. of warm-blooded animals. However, fish tuberculosis is not transmittable to humans or other higher animals. *Chondrococcus Columnaris* is a bacterium which is the cause of "cotton-mouth" in certain tropical fishes. Fungus (e.g. *Saprolegnia*) is usually a secondary invader and will attack fish when an abrasion or other types of infection agents are present. *Ichthyophthirius*, *Trichodina*, *Costia*, *Hexamita*, and *Oodinium* are

some of the more common protozoan parasites of home aquarium fishes. *Ichthyophthirius* and *Costia* occur frequently in the Spring and Fall (especially when the temperature drops suddenly) and will attack most variety of fish. *Hexamita* appears to be specific for Disc Cichlid and Angelfish, producing skin lesions which may be so extensive as to cause death. *Oodinium* is the cause of "velvet" disease, usually attacking newly hatched and young tropicals. *Trichodina* may be found on the skin or gills and when present in large numbers may cause suffocation. The above protozoans usually attack the external structures of the body. However, protozoa will infect the internal organs such as the stomach and intestines, liver, kidney, spleen, ovaries, testes, pancreas, blood stream and cells, brain and other parts of the central nervous system. Blood protozoan parasites similar to *Malaria* (Haemosporidia) *Trypanosomes* and *Cryptobia* often are present. Such



Husband: "I must consider myself lucky, dear, that you didn't spill the coffee on my new coat!"

parasites are transmitted by blood-sucking leeches and therefore can be controlled by removing this intermediate host from the tanks. Other protozoan parasites common among fresh-water tropical fishes are referred to as *Myxosporidia* and *Microsporidia*. These may be found in any organ or tissue of the body, including the heart and brain. The Neon Tetra disease in Europe is an emaciating disease of the muscle caused by a *Microsporidian*. It is transmitted from sick fish to healthy ones by ingestion of spores liberated in the water.

The monogenetic flukes, *Dactylogyrus* and *Gyrodactylus* occur commonly on the skin and gills of most aquarium fishes. Heavy infections of flat worms may cause extensive lesions and eventually death. The digenetic trematodes, tapeworms, roundworms and spiny worms are of no great importance to the tropical fish fancier. These are usually internal parasites and have complicated life-cycles, requiring two or more intermediate hosts; the absence of one would therefore break the cycle and prevent its propagation in aquaria. For the digenetic flukes, a specific snail is usually the first intermediate host and any such infection in fish can be controlled by removing the snails. Among the copepod parasites, *Argulus* or the Fish-Louse is the most important. Fortunately, this parasite does not appear frequently in home tanks.

To the pathologist, it is the effect of these parasites on the fish that is interesting. The host reactions are usually no different than one would find in man affected with similar parasites. They cause disturbances of the fluids of

the body such as edema, or cause damage to the organs they infect, either mechanically or by the toxic substances that they elaborate. Many of the parasitic diseases are reflected in the blood picture by eosinophilia, anemia or some other blood cell change. Some fish are naturally resistant to certain infections while others may become immune after recovery from one or more attacks.

The non-parasitic diseases are classified as nutritional, teratological, congenital malformations, degenerative (usually old age diseases) and neoplastic diseases (tumours and cancer). It is these diseases that are of great interest to the comparative and experimental pathologist because of the light that they may throw on similar diseases in humans. Vitamin B1 deficiency disease is quite common to certain fishes. The symptoms produced are similar to those found in mammals suffering from this deficiency. Fishes without fins, double monsters of various kinds and other malformations are frequently encountered. All kinds of tumours and cancer, affecting all organs of the body have been found among fresh-water tropicals. Some of the more interesting ones are fibroma (fibrous tumours), lymphosarcoma (lymph gland tumours), melanoma (black pigment

cell tumours), particularly in some swordtail-platy-fish hybrids neuroma (nerve cell tumours), leiomyoma (muscle tumours), lipoma (fatty tumours), and tumours of the thyroid glands, pancreas, ovary, adrenal, etc. Histo-pathologically these growths are strikingly similar to those found in humans. Some of them have been grown in tissue culture and others are transplantable.

Fishes are also injured or are killed as the result of sudden environmental changes such as temperature (cold or hot), shift in reaction (pH), excess gases (oxygen, carbon dioxide, nitrogen, chlorine, etc.) and other chemicals.

Some of the parasitic diseases of fresh-water tropical fishes are amenable to treatment, the therapeutic agents used are often the same as employed in humans and veterinary medicine. Some of the chemicals used are dyes such as acriflavine (trypano-flavine), methylene blue, gentian violet, and malachite green. These are particularly effective against external bacterial, fungal and protozoan parasites. Compounds such as dilute formalin and potassium permanganate are also good for similar types of parasites, including monogenetic trematodes. Some of the "sulfa" drugs, espe-

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I asked **Dr. Nesan**: "Is that true or a mere story like that in R. L. Stevenson's novel, *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, where Hyde—the alter ego of Dr. Jekyll—purposely slaughtered Sir Danvers Carew?"

Dr. Nesan said: "I am not telling you a story from a novel. I am stating a fact. There are all sorts and conditions of men."

I told **Dr. Nesan**: "The fact stated by you is a strange revelatory one and disturbs my mind a great deal. I have read of the bravos of Venice who for a monetary consideration would assassinate people and put them out of the way. I have read about hired assassins in India. I have read about the murder of Trotsky."

"I have heard about all sorts of political assassinations, But the instance cited by you is of a class apart. I do not like it but I suppose that I will have to revise my panel of values, if what you say is correct. I shall have to change my estimate of human nature."

Dr. Nesan replied: "Do revise your estimate of human nature. You are an imperturbable idealist who is prone to shrink from realities. I can give you other instances also but do not wish to shock you too much to-day. Live and learn, Ramu! Live and learn, indeed!"

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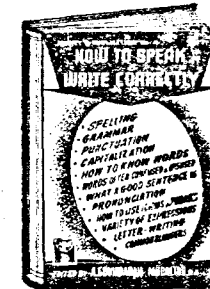
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MISSING FROM HOME

BY A.S. DILBER

YOUNG UMA and her little brother, Ramesh, sat quietly in the bedroom. This did not, however, indicate that the bedroom was quiet. Quite the opposite, in fact. The raised angry voices of their parents could not only be heard, but heard distinctly all the way from the dining room. Hot words blazed their trail along the corridor, swept up the carpeted staircase and burnt their passage through the thick panelled walls. This had been going on for nearly three months now. The constant bickering of Mr. and Mrs. Deepak had very much upset the household. For no reason at all, it seemed, they almost jumped at each other's throats.

All day long they avoided each other, Mr. Deepak pretending to be busy with his business affairs and Mrs. Deepak sulking alone in her room. But at night they had to sit together for dinner, for the benefit of the servants. Frankly speaking, scarcely anybody benefited at all by these dinners. Some small trouble always started the fireworks. Those happy old days, when sitting together for dinner used to be a great family occasion for rejoicing, were gone. Instead of cheerfulness, there was a tense, expectant air of coming disaster. Instead of laughter, there were hot words, tears and nightmarish moods. How long could this go on? It must stop, thought Uma and Ramesh before their happy, homely lives were sheltered for ever. So they sat quietly in their bedroom, wondering how they could bring about a reconciliation between their parents and make them see reason.

The next evening Ramesh was not at his usual place at the dinner table. His absence was noticed at once by everyone.

"Where is that idiot boy?" growled Mr. Deepak angrily at his wife.

"I don't know," she replied tartly. As usual, of late, she was not in a pleasant mood.

The dinner was served without any other word spoken. Uma was grateful for that. She ate slowly, covertly watching her two angry, snarling, parents.

Dinner was over and still Ramesh did not turn up. Mr. Deepak rose to his feet and glared spitefully at his wife.

"When your son comes in, Madam, be kind enough to send him to my study. He needs a stiff lesson for coming home so late without my permission."

Without waiting for any reply, he strode off.

FIVE hours later, Mrs. Deepak knocked at her husband's bedroom and went in. The room was lit by a table lamp. Mr. Deepak sat propped up in his bed, reading a thick volume. He looked up for a moment at her young worried face and felt a guilty pang in his heart. But he put down his book firmly and asked in a stern voice, "What do you want?"

"It's about Ramesh," she replied without hesitation. "He hasn't come home yet."

"So what do you want me to do? Fall on my knees and cry? He must have gone for a late show and got invited by a friend to spend the night at his home."

Mrs. Deepak shook her head. "He would have phoned us if that had been the case. Besides, I called up all his friends a few minutes ago. None of them has seen him during the whole day."

"Well," said Mr. Deepak, "I am not going to worry myself sick because of that. Now, don't disturb me. I have a heavy day to-morrow and I want some sleep."

As he saw his wife going disconsolately out of the room, he felt another pang but he smothered it in his pillow.

Ramesh did not appear the whole of the next day. By night, both his parents were frantic with

worry. They called up all his friends, relatives and associates. Nobody had seen or heard of Ramesh since the last two days. At dinner that night, Mr. and Mrs. Deepak, for the first time in about three months, showed faint signs of mutual affection for each other as they tried to whip up their falling spirits.

"He is just somewhere around, enjoying himself at our expense," said Mr. Deepak almost kindly to his wife. "But if he doesn't come by to-morrow, we will notify the police."

THE next afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Deepak sat quietly in the drawing room. Gone were their anger and reserve. Gone, too, were their constant rows and hot words. Mrs. Deepak's face was wet with tears. Her husband looked as though he would welcome some tears himself.

"Don't cry, dear," he whispered to her. "There is nothing to fear about. He will come home safe and sound. You can depend upon it."

She rested her head on his shoulder and cried bitterly. "Oh, if only we hadn't been so foolish! Why did we quarrel so much? This home has been a hell these past three months? No wonder the poor boy ran away," she said.

"I know, dear," he said. "It was all my fault. I lost all control over my temper. But I promise you that I have learnt my lesson. I will never utter an unkind word hereafter. I have realised how lonely it has been without your love. This home will return to its former glow of happiness and joy. There will never be another evil moment in it again."

So saying, he took her lovingly in his arms. With a joyous sob, Mrs. Deepak sank against his chest.

UMA stood unnoticed in the half-opened doorway. There was a lovely, satisfied smile on her face. She closed her eyes gratefully and said, "Thank you, God, for making my plan a success!"

And that night, Ramesh was back again in his former place at the dinner-table. But he wouldn't tell where he had been!

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By
DEVENDRA PRATAP

"It couldn't be a ghost, could it?" said Mrs. Dunichand anxiously. She bent forward—always a strain on so substantial a woman—and dropped her voice.

For the last fifteen days her daughter, Shanti, who was twenty, extremely pretty, a B.A. student and an only child, had not touched a morsel of food, nor spoken a word. She had gone about the palatial house and its large rooms and vast corridors as one in a dream—her eyes glazed, her gait too erect and mechanical to be earthly. It was evident to her mother—a simple, superstitious, god and djinn-fearing woman—that there was more to this somnambulist behaviour than her pointblank refusal a few days ago to allow Shanti to cast her lot with Madanmohan, a young but horrifyingly impecunious Lecturer in History at her college, whom Shanti had suddenly one evening declared to be her beau ideal.

It had been a painful scene but Mrs. Dunichand had never regretted it. Shanti had arrived home that evening, radiant and sunny and blushing and proceeded forthwith to spill the beans.

"Mama," she had said in a more or less inbreathing voice,

"don't you think Madanmohan is a very, very nice young man?"

"Never heard of him," Mrs. Dunichand had said, without troubling to open her eyes, for it was during her mother's afternoon siesta that Shanti had come barging in with this rigmarolish stuff.

"Eh? Oh, why, of course, you haven't. Well, he is a Lecturer in History in our College and a very, very nice man. Don't you think so, mama?"

THE realisation had at last pierced Mrs. Dunichand's crust that her offspring was not just making small conversation. All of a sudden, she had opened her eyes and fixed them searchingly on the girl.

"Don't tell me you're in love!" she had exclaimed ominously.

"He's such a dear."

"How much money has he? How much does he make from this teaching job?"

"...and, do you know, mother, he can actually sing very nicely..."

"No good! Absolutely worthless! On the other hand, look at Bishambhar. There's as eligible a young man as ever tooted a car

horn! Don't you kid yourself a bit with these rosy day-dreams, Shanti. It's Bishambhar you're going to marry and none else. A boy who's rich and handsome and from our own station in life. See?"

And Shanti had "seen." Two days later, her conduct became that of a young woman walking in her sleep. She still went to College, of course, but of food she refused to touch any, and anyone making conversation with her might as well have been talking to a wall of granite.

And now she had her parents worried and in a conference.

"It couldn't be a ghost, could it?" repeated Mrs. Dunichand.

LALA DUNICHAND—in avoirdupois and general goofiness even his wife's superior—opened his eyes wide and his mouth took the shape of an "O."

"A ghost?" he breathed apprehensively.

"An evil spirit, you know," explained his spouse. "You remember the case of Lakshmi?"

Lala Dunichand nodded vigorously. How could he ever forget the case of Lakshmi, his own niece? He shuddered.

"Ay, maybe you're right," he said and from his tone anxiety dripped. "What are we to do?" For, were he never so sharp and shrewd as a man of commerce—and his palatial house and his fleet of cars and his retinue of servants and his bank balance proclaimed it in no uncertain manner—Lala Dunichand was by way of being a helpless ignoramus in affairs domestic.

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"We must summon a *pir*," she announced.

"Ah!"

"Or a *syana*."

"A *syana* would no doubt be better," hazarded Lala Dunichand.

"And get him to look up Shanti. De-spirit her, sort of."

"Ah!"

"I must ask Bishambhar. He always seems to know. Nice boy, Bishambhar."

BABA MANSUKHDAS—a swarthy, middle-aged blot on humanity whose bloodshot eyes and dishevelled aspect inspired much confidence in Mrs. Dunichand's vast bosom—strode to the centre of the great drawing room with a sweep of his scarlet satin robe, whose lustre had dimmed through years of use, as one leading a victory parade. He fixed the lady of the house with an eye which made her quail and rise from her chair in a fluster.

"*Gadbanjumbo-mumbo-kumbo-bambo*," he said, adding as an after thought, "*Jaikali-halkatheywa-literawarnajayekhali-gurum*."

"Eh?" mumbled Mrs. Dunichand reverently. This seemed like the real goods, and she was pleased with her own nominee for Shanti's affections.

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"Whom doth the *devi* trouble?" he thundered. "Bring the subject. At once!"

MRS. DUNICHAND, suitably impressed, rumbled out and returned in a moment with Shanti, whose glassy stare melted for a split second into a spark of interest before switching back to the contemplation of eternity. This was juicy! Her opinion of Madanmohan went up several notches. She allowed her mother to force her into a chair.

Sain Madsukhdas made a number of passes at her and, failing to bring her to earth, struck her a hard blow on the cheek. It made Shanti reel, but she rallied round. Yes — this was a part of the game, too.

"Get out with you," Sain Baba thundered at some invisible foe and struck another blow at Shanti's cheek, making it a thing by Technicolor. He seemed a great one for blows.

"You love a young man, don't you?" the Sain Baba hissed at the girl, who was looking startled into his eyes and gently caressing her cheek. "A teacher in your college?"

That second slap was not on the schedule, but the dialogue was all right. Shanti made no reply and looked away towards the horizon.

The Sain Baba's massive hand swung again and caught her on the other cheek.

"Yes?" he queried.

Shanti's eyes became moist but she kept her mouth shut. It was

remarkable, she was thinking, how one blow led to another, even though a man had been coached and rehearsed. Well, well, well! She'd have a bone or two to pick with this ersatz sadhu when it was all over and done with. For the present.....

GETTING no response, Sain Baba made a sign to his disciple and now they both fell on the girl with gusto—determined to let her have the whole works and (it seemed to Shanti) to reduce her to pulp. She tried to catch the senior man's eye once or twice and winked at him. But, to her astonishment, there was no answering wink to suggest that a mock inquisition was in progress. And the blows were *really* hard. She was now beginning to suspect that her lover's plans had perhaps gone berserk. In the meanwhile, the blows came down with morale crippling frequency and ardour.

Compelled at last to obey the law of self-preservation, she suddenly let out a yelp and her eyes disgorged a bucketful of tears.

"Yes," she said miserably.

"Ah," said Sain Baba, giving himself the first recess. "You do, eh? Well, don't. Never again! Say that. Quick! Ten times."

Shanti repeated his behest ten times. She no longer found it a distasteful task. No young man who muddled his plans as much as Madanmohan had deserved her continued affection. Her aching limbs exacted ready obedience to the Sain Baba's call.

"I'll never see the blighter again," she said, putting a lid to her incantation. "Never, never, never!"

"Good girl," her assailants chorused. "And don't forget—we're always round the corner. Not two furlongs from this place." They turned with outstretched palms toward Mrs. Dunichand and added, "At your service, madam."

Madanmohan was in a black mood as he advanced purposefully

towards the lair in which Sain Baba had his abode. He had been cheated. Making an impudent bow, he fixed the holy man with a reproachful eye.

"You dirty double-crosser!" he hissed. "You miserable skunk!"

SAIN BABA waved a tolerant hand. "Cheese it!" he said. He dipped his hand into the enormous recesses of his robe and brought out a hundred-rupee note.

"Here's your money," he said disdainfully. "Take it back. I could kick myself for ever having touched it. There are those that can pay better."

"What!" cried Madanmohan. "Has someone been paying you more for doing what you did? Outbid me?"

Sain Baba nodded complacently.

"Yes," he said with a smile. "The other young man—what's his name—ah, Bishambhar. He paid me two hundred of the best. Bah! Surely you know that I exercise my profession on a strictly commercial basis!"

His Secret

They were discussing girls.

"How is it, Jack," asked Joe, "that you get on so well with the girls?"

"Easy," was the reply. "Try flattery. For instance, the girl I was with last night got a fly in her eye. I said, 'I can't see how it could miss such big eyes as yours.' After that I had her eating out of my hand."

A few days later they met again.

"H'm," said Joe. "I don't think much of your flattery stunt. I tried it, but it didn't come off."

"What happened?"

"Why, the girl I was with got a fly in her mouth."



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To be exact, he was engaged in the preparation of the budget estimates of the Police Department for the ensuing year, while his own family budget was seething with expenditure and clamouring for royal revenues. I won't say that he was cursing his fate for he had no time enough for that. So far as he was concerned, he seemed to think that his fate consisted of so many rupees debit and so much less credit and so it always hung in the balance.

The hall was deserted. The young clerical regiment outside was discussing loudly about film failures and successful stars rising in the theatrical firmament. The 'old guard' was mourning over shooting prices of rationed and non-rationed articles and was devising ways and means of tidying over the pincer-movement of children crying hoarse for school.

and wives presenting for festival fanfares,

1 Gupta, there were others in the hall. Mr. Gupta was slowly sliding into always alert for the coming of the Officer into the office. Our Officer, incidentally, our Officer to come there in the office so that he may see the number of pending work each clerk and so on. It is a point to stay so that he may not be a hindrance to the excavation operations of the file which is coming a store-house of documents of interest to the Historical Society of India (if there is one).

Suddenly at 2-20 a peon burst into the hall, catapulting Gupta into the perpendicular position who was greatly relieved to see the peon instead of the Officer. The peon told Mr. Gupta that there was a 'phone call for him and quickly vanished.

THE caller not being known, Mr. Gupta's face fast became a whirlpool of agitations and I could see waves of fright and fear striking at the shores of gold-hearted Gupta's mind. The reason was obvious, for his first guess was that the call was from the Secretariat (Police Department). He had not yet sent the estimate of expenditure for the ensuing year though it was December and in his estimate of revenue he had grossly under-estimated the income which



"Emveeyen Rao"

had kindled the furies of the presiding officer of the Department who was daily digging deep into the 'Khajana' in his frantic attempts to make both ends meet. Next moment Mr. Gupta gathered all his fast-dwindling courage and requested me in a whisper to receive the call. I was interested in recording his reactions (and to write a story) and so I sent a colleague of mine to receive the message.

He went away and immediately the guileless Mr. Gupta began prattling about a car accident in the street near his house the previous evening and started making grave and calculated conjectures about the phone call turning out to be the announcer of death, death for his two-year-old, half-starving son (the latest addition to a litter of eight, the hall-mark of middle class) under the wheels of a rashly driven 'pleasure' car. Madly he dashed for the staircase and started climbing up the steps (the telephone booth was in the upper floor) under my escort, and when he had set his foot on the 5th step he swooned and dropped heavily into a mass, an asthma patient shattered to pieces due to severe shock.

WE carried him back to his seat and, luckily, he regained consciousness in a few minutes. By that time our messenger of Peace (or rebellion?) also returned and, to the greatest relief of Mr. Gupta, announced that the call was for Mr. J.N. (Jagdish Narain) Gupta, a clerk in our Section and that the telephone operator had directed the peon wrongly.

Thus ended the free after-lunch entertainment and we, desiring to offer a token remuneration to the chief actor, Gupta, tried to persuade him to get permission to go home on grounds of having swooned. But no! That mighty warrior refused point-blank and stayed to turn out another 6½ hours' mental work i.e. about three minutes' output of a one-horse-power engine. In other words, the energy expended would have lifted 550 pounds to a height of 180 feet!

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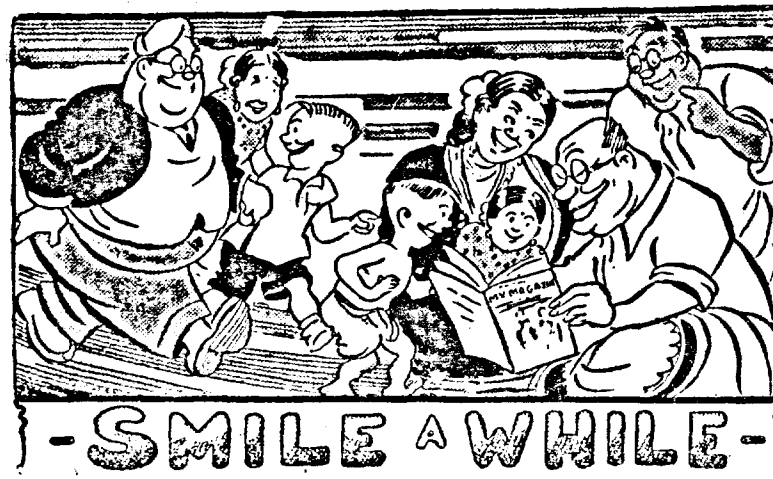
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"It's old Charlie I'm laughing at," the man explained. "He told me he was getting rid of his wife for a week!"

Indignant

The lodger inspected his pantry and rang for his landlady. "Look here," he said, holding up a jar, "I'll bet you've been at my marmalade again."

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"What Happened?"

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"Why?" she asked. "What happened?"

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"Into the house?" called back a mover. "We're trying to get the darned thing out!"

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"My dear, he's very generous. Doesn't mind what he spends on me. Says it all goes down as 'expenses'."

"Petting cash, I suppose?"

"Reads Too Much"

"I must find another tailor. This one reads too much."

"Reads too much?"

"Yes. Every letter he writes to me begins, 'On going through my books...'"

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"Before giving her a chance!" asked her husband.

"No, before giving you one."

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A little boy had to apologize for forgetting his aunt's birthday. So he wrote, "I'm sorry I forgot your birthday. I have no excuse and it will serve me right if you forget mine next Friday!"

Bats and Bats

The small boys of the village had started a cricket team, and the curate had promised to render any assistance he could. His first letter from the juvenile secretary was rather startling.

"Dear sir," it ran. "We should be greatly obliged if you could help us by sending us some of the bats which the verger says you have in the belfry."

Too Bad

"Look here," said an indignant woman in a post office, "your mistakes are getting too bad. My husband has gone to Newcastle on business, and this morning I had a letter from him with a Brighton postmark."

Not That Late

Girl (an hour late for appointment): "I hope I'm not very late, darling."

Boy: "I suppose I mustn't grumble; you've got the day and the month right."

"Better Luck!"

It was the end of a cricket match, and a player who had batted badly and fielded even worse approached the captain.

"I think I'll get along now, if you don't mind," he said. "I've got a train to catch."

"Quite all right," said the captain. "Better luck with the train!"

Burning It Down!

His hatchet-faced mother-in-law had written to say that she was coming to live with them. As she approached the house she saw a large crowd. Pushing her way to the front, she blinked in consternation at the damage a midnight fire had done—at the ruined walls, the charred furniture.

"Dear me," she gasped, her face livid, "I didn't think he'd go as far as that."

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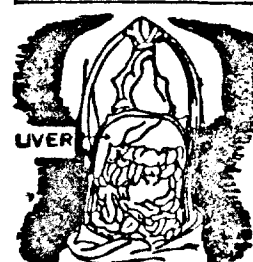
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Chew some *neem* leaves and use the *dantaraksha* tooth-powder.

Chyavanaprash is very good for one's nerves; it will give you good health. *Pranayama* is excellent. And, *sadhana*, which will put you in touch with the Source of all strength (God) such as *japa*, meditation, *swadhyaya*, etc., is indispensable. These will make you a great leader.

Brahmacharya in *Grihastha ashrama* is absolute moderation in sexual intercourse. When the couple sleep only with the intention of being blessed with a child to continue the progeny, that is *brahmacharya*. Lead the Divine Life in whatever *ashrama* you are. You will realise your goal.

To become a political leader is a low ambition. To become the leader of humanity which you can be only if you are a spiritual leader, you should abandon all such petty ambitions and engage yourself in ceaseless remembrance of God. No other acquisition will give you peace and satisfaction; the acquisition of a knowledge of God alone can.

The spiritual path is full of ups and downs in the beginning. *Maya* does not spare anyone. But I am sure, it is the strong spiritual *samskaras* in you that should enable you to withstand her attacks and come out successful.

Resolve to stick to Truth. Many may be the temptations to swerve from Truth; many may be the trials that you might have to pass through. But stick to Truth. Truth alone triumphs in the end, not falsehood.

Be regular in *sadhana*. You will quickly have *darshan* of Lord Rama. Train the wife also in *bhakti*. Train her to observe *brahmacharya*.

Men have all capacities within them. They have simply to awaken these. They need not beg of anybody. Their selfless spirit will bring forth the needed help at the proper time. They should patiently carry on regular *bhajan* and

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kirtan. Invite friends. Include children, ladies, servants, etc., in your *kirtan*. Success is certain.

Love for God and yearning for liberation from *samsara* comes and goes, and an aspirant living amidst the tempting baits of *maya* should be ever vigilant, lest he (or she) is led away. That is why I insist that every aspirant keeps constantly in touch with *sadhus* and *mahatmas*, so that they may keep the flame of spirituality ever alight.

Service to the sick is the greatest form of worship of the Lord. But you should have the proper *bhavana* (mental attitude). Look upon every patient as the very image of the Lord. Thus you will quickly purify your mind; you will soon have God vision.

There is nothing like the Name of the Lord to keep constant company with. And there is none worthier of our love and devotion than the Lord Himself.

Very quickly is progress possible if you follow the twenty instructions and maintain the spiritual diary. I shall serve you and guide you to the Lord.

Rapid progress in the path will be rendered more easy if a vigilant watch is kept at the mind's doorway and evil refused admission, thus leaving the inner quiet ever undisturbed.

Now start the *sadhana*. Spiritual path is no pleasant trip; it is a pilgrimage, hard, unpleasant and

strenuous. But with faith and sincerity, patience and endurance, the temple of peace and eternal happiness can be reached by the pilgrim. Start the journey. Do not waste a moment.

Do not waste the wonderful chances. You have to serve others. Serve—and through loving service lies the easiest path towards Him.

The colour of Krishna and Rama has a twofold significance. In the higher sense, their colour represents the *Akasa*. Look at the sky. There is no 'surface' there to have a colour. Yet it looks blue. Sages, have asked us to meditate on the *Akasa* as the nearest approach to *Brahman*. Similarly, of forms the nearest to Formless God is the *Shyama*. *Shyama* represents in His Form the limitless, formless, all-pervading God (*Brahman*, the Absolute). Again, have we not come to believe that "beauty" goes with white skin, etc.? Krishna says: "Look at me. I am *Shyama*. And, yet I am the Beauty of beauties." Beauty is not skin deep. It is hidden deeper, within the very soul of man and woman. When men and women realise this great Truth, all worldly attractions and repulsions will vanish and humanity will march towards Purity and Godliness.

Introspect and find out which evil you have most prominently in your mental make-up. Resolve to root it out. I have discussed

the most effective methods of conquering these evils in detail in my books *Concentration & Meditation* and *Mind, Its Mysteries & Control*. Think of the opposite good quality; resolve to develop it. Mark it in the diary. At the end of the day, introspect. Find out how many times you failed in this resolve. Apply yourself again with renewed zeal. There is nothing that you cannot do. Arise. Awake. Win over *Atma Swarajyam*.

The shadow will tell you wonderful things. But merely gazing at the shadow is not enough. You should purify the heart and develop the inner 'ear' into which alone the shadow can speak.

Purify your heart and mind through the *Yoga* of synthesis. Do *japa*, *kirtan*, *asans* and *pranayam*. Meditate.

The "Substance" that is inside your heart (God Himself) will speak to you. Why run after the shadow?

Samadhi should become *Sahaja*, natural and continuous. Even in the busiest part of the city and in the midst of a huge crowd you should be able to do *pratyahara* and merge yourself in the *Atmic* bliss.

Bliss is only in *Bhuma*. Read the *Upanishads*. Check up your own experience. Expand; expand every moment of your life. You should reach the Infinite in this very birth.

Detach yourself completely from the objects of the world. Have

no hankering—even after spiritual experiences. The great *Bhuma* experience alone is worthy of our aspiration. All else is chaff.

Live in the spirit of one chapter of the *Gita*—the twelfth. Get it by heart. Get the eleventh chapter, too, and repeat it in a prayerful mood. Get by heart the tenth chapter and try to see God in all. You have already reached *Moksha* if you are able to do these well.

Don't ever give up *pranayam* and *asans* practice. As you inhale, feel that the Mother's Cosmic Energy is flowing into you, energising every tissue, and the mind, and as you exhale, feel that all aches, restlessness and other evil symptoms, are being drained out through Her grace, again. Follow one *Guru*. Stick to one mind. You will quickly evolve.

Kindly combine all items of *sadhana* mentioned in my *Twenty Instructions*. In the modern age only the combined method can bring about very quick spiritual evolution. I shall also serve you nicely and guide you to your goal.

You should make up your mind to practise *Yoga* diligently. Put the instructions into immediate practice. Fill up the Resolve Form and send a copy to me. Draw up a daily routine. Get up at 4 a.m. Meditate. Do *japa*, *asans*, *pranayam* and *kirtan*. Read *Gita*, *Upanishads* and other scriptures. Maintain the diary and send me a copy.

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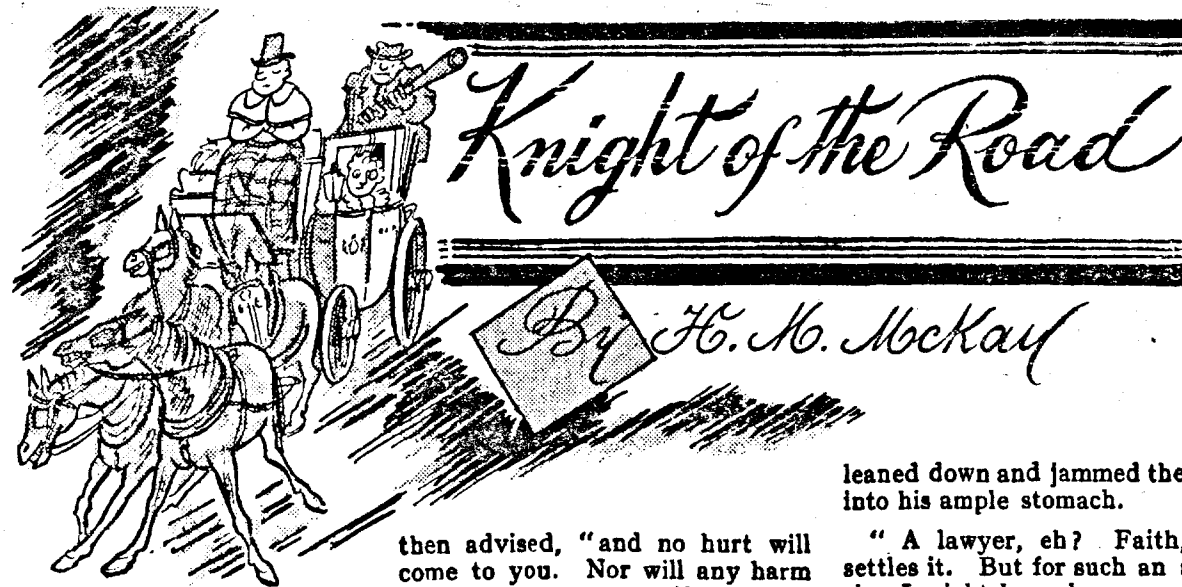
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THE London coach had come to a standstill at no recognised halting-place. The driver, awakened from a half-sleep, buttoned to the chin in a coat of many capes, had stretched his arms on high and opened his mouth—but not in any attitude of drowsiness.

True, he had been near slumbering a moment before, and, since his horses knew the highway so well by habit, he often did take a cat-nap. It was not possible, however, to be anything but wide awake when one found oneself looking at the business-end of a cocked pistol.

The hand which grasped that pistol belonged to a mounted man who had spurred from the thickets of a wood that flanked the quiet highway. The folds of a cloak muffled him to the nose. The remainder of his face was shaded by the tilt of his three-cornered hat, and the concealment of his identity was made complete by a mask.

"Down from your perch, driver," the masked man directed. "I require you to unharness your team and send it off with a crack or two of your whip. Make haste, now. I am in no mood for delay."

The driver obeyed him, and, having carried out his instructions and watched the coach-horses disappear at a spanking trot, he stood forlornly by the tongue of the vehicle.

"Remain precisely as you are, driver," the gentleman of the road

then advised, "and no hurt will come to you. Nor will any harm befall your passengers if they step down from the coach in a peaceable fashion."

He had to repeat the last words before they produced a response. Then the carriage's near-side door was hesitantly opened, and a person in sober hat and greatcoat alighted with much panting and labour; a fat, pompous but rather frightened individual whose quick breath steamed in the frosty air.

He was followed by a slender youth with fine, clear-cut features. No more than sixteen, but tall for his years, the boy cut a far better figure than his bulky fellow-traveller. He looked defiant.

THE masked horseman ran his eyes over the older passenger, and fastened his attention on a dispatch-box which that worthy was clutching under one arm.

"There's nothing of value in here," the fat wayfarer exclaimed at once. "This box contains only some private papers, which could not possibly interest you."

"I shall be the best judge of that," the other retorted through the folds of his cloak. "Methinks you are too glib, my friend. I shall examine the contents of that box—at my leisure. Surrender it."

"Listen to me, my man," the rotund traveller began fussily. "I am a lawyer by profession, and I assure you this box holds nothing but..."

He interrupted himself with a bleat as the 'knight of the road'

leaned down and jammed the pistol into his ample stomach.

"A lawyer, eh? Faith, that settles it. But for such an admission I might have been persuaded to take your word, after all."

With an ironical chuckle the highwayman reached forward and seized the dispatch-box. It was then that the boy who had descended from the coach imagined he saw his chance, and with a suddenness that took the rider by surprise he leaped at the fellow and fastened a strong young grip on his wrist.

The pistol was jerked aside. Had the portly lawyer or the driver shown the least spark of hardihood and gone to his assistance, the highwayman might have been overpowered; but the lad received no support from either of them, and with a smothered imprecation the man wrenched himself free from his youthful antagonist's grasp.

In the same moment his horse curvetted, and knocked the boy to the ground. He was up again almost at once, but the mounted man had no mind to linger and, with the dispatch-box in his possession, he swung his steed right-about and dashed off into the woods.

THE boy who had picked himself from the roadway looked bitterly at his fellow-passenger. The fat man coloured a little.

"You have courage, lad," he muttered grudgingly.

The youth unclenched his right hand and showed a strip of lace he held in it. It had been ripped from the cuff of the highwayman's shirt.

"That is all I have to show for," he said with some ruefulness. "That and a bruised leg, I think."

"Nevertheless I shall see you recommended," the lawyer declared. "What is your name and where are you bound for?"

"Geoffrey Stanton is my name," as the reply, "and I am on my way home to spend my school holidays with..."

"Stanton?" the other echoed in sharp tone. "You are not by any chance related to Sir Hugh Stanton? Now I come to look at you more closely, there is a certain likeness."

"Sir Hugh Stanton is my father," the boy stated. "You seem to know him, and you may also know he is a magistrate in this county. That fellow who robbed you and then galloped off in a fright should never come before him it will go hard with him, I can tell you."

The fat man did not appear to be listening. His thick-lipped mouth had twisted into a kind of sneer.

"Have you ever heard your father speak of Simon Crane?" he asked.

"Why, yes, I have. He did some business with a man of that name in London—about a year ago, if I remember."

The lawyer smiled. It was not a pleasant smile.

"I am that Simon Crane," he said. "It is quite a coincidence that we should meet, but not a very happy one from your point of view, I am afraid. You see, I am on my way to your father's home—for the purpose of accomplishing his ruin..."

SIR HUGH STANTON sat in the study of his West County manor and listened with earnest attention to the story which his son Geoffrey unfolded.

"And so," the boy concluded, as no kind of conveyance overtook us on the road I had to cover the last stage of my journey on Jack's pony, father..."

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"..... accompanied by this—this
gentleman here," he added.

SIR HUGH STANTON turned
his eyes upon Simon Crane.
"You have had a most distress-
ing experience," he said courte-
ously. "I can but hope that the
hospitality of my home will serve
to alleviate, in some small measure,
the unpleasant memory of the
occurrence."

Crane planted his podgy hands
on Stanton's desk.

"Sir Hugh," he said in vicious
accents, "I have an unpleasant
memory of this county which
cannot be so easily alleviated. It
has nothing to do with a highway-
man. It has to do with yourself."

Stanton frowned. He was a tall,
aristocratic man of forty-eight,
very elegantly dressed.

"I do not understand, Mr.
Crane."

"You will, when I remind you
that some years ago in your
capacity as a magistrate you gave
a decision against me in an action
I brought against a merchant in
this county. It was a decision that
cost me a good deal of money."

"Why, yes, I remember that
action. So you have nursed a
malice against me all these years,
Crane? Yet the decision I gave
was a just one."

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Kamal Bose, Darbhanga

- Q.—Says Kalidasa: "Even the heart of a happy man at sight of cloud is moved. What then of one yearning to clasp the neck of his beloved!" How to account for this, my good friend?
- A.—Poetic imagery at its best. If facts of life are the test, however, it is an idle mind fed on extreme emotionalism that would so react. Those who have real responsibility would feel altogether different. The sight of clouds would make them get worried about the leaking roofs of their houses, or their umbrellas needing urgent repairs!

Abdul Salam, Naliapool

- Q.—What happens when Nargis sings?
- A.—The play-back artiste is never remembered.

P. R. Ganapathy, Poona

- Q.—Why don't you visit Poona and enjoy the sight of the beautiful parks here?
- A.—I have been there, chum. I stayed at a place in Deccan Gymkhana near Ferguson College for over 3 months.

Krishen Chander Vyas, Secunderabad, Dn.

- Q.—Who will be the Prime Minister of India after Pandit Nehru?
- A.—This sort of conjecturing will serve no purpose at all. Did not the Britishers say in the pre-Independence days that we cannot rule ourselves? And have we not proved that we can? Circumstances would produce leaders and so we should wait and watch.

P. Rajkumar Brij, Ajmer

- Q.—If work is worship, what is worship?
- A.—Literally, worship is work. But what is meant by this figurative description is that by being industrious, by which we help ourselves and help others also, we will be worshipping the Creator in the best possible manner. We should make our home and our office a temple of industrious and purposeful peace, so to say.

S.A. Kumar, Hazaribagh

- Q.—What is most sacred to women?
- A.—Gospel of gossip!

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KNIGHT OF THE ROAD

(Continued from page 30)

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Stanton glanced at a clock on the mantelpiece.

"YES, it is long past noon," Crane observed. "You have had some hours of grace—which you would never have had but for that accursed highwayman. It has done you no good, however, and I demand that we confer with your solicitor at once and get this business settled. Your ship is a month overdue—"

"But she should now be lying safe at Bristol, according to my latest intelligence," Sir Hugh interposed calmly. "with a rich cargo that will more than recompense me for my outlay."

"That may be. Nevertheless, I take it you have not yet got the money to repay me my loan. And in accordance with a letter I wrote to you the other day expressing my intentions, I am here to collect that money—or to take possession of this house and all your property. I think I made myself quite clear in that letter."

"Yes, quite, Mr. Crane. It was very malignantly worded, and vastly different from the tone you used when you offered me that loan a year ago at what seemed a moderate rate of interest. You were extremely obliging then."

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"Twenty-four hours too late," Crane struck in with a plump grin. "It will be a pleasure to break him, and to square it in his place on lands that I have got for a tenth part of their value."

Sir Hugh Stanton rose from his chair.

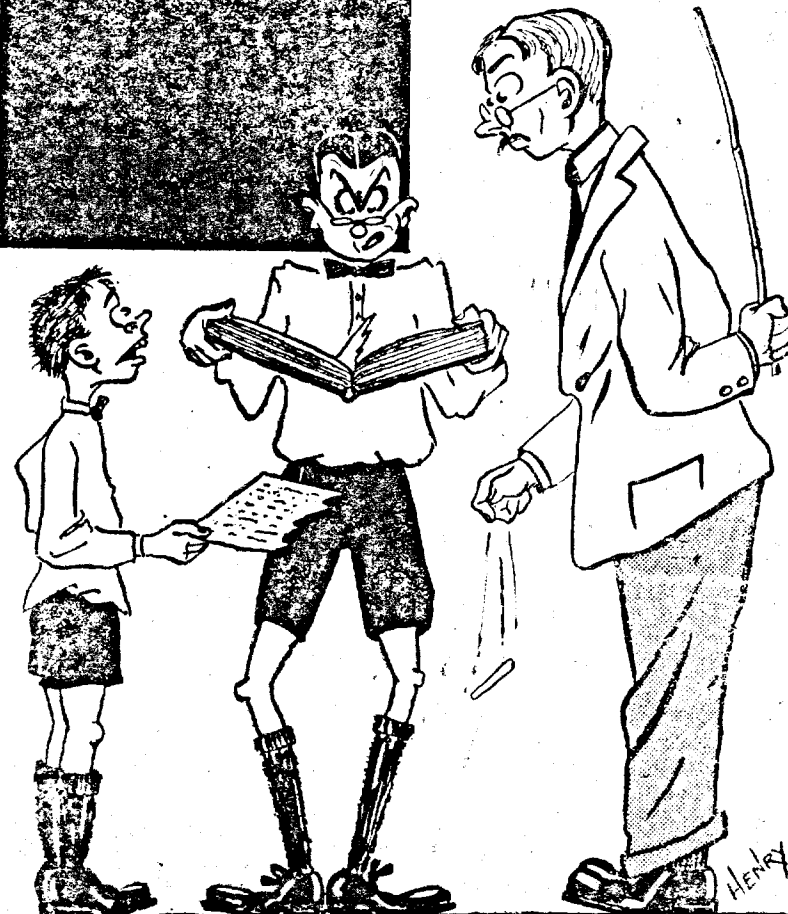
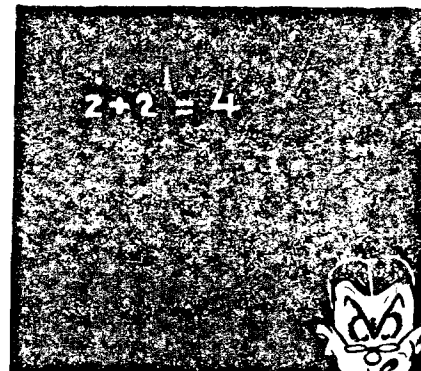
"I should like to throw you out, Crane," he said. "However, I must keep my temper—and, of course, my promise to repay you or surrender my property. You have those papers which I signed a year ago, of course—mortgaging my estates for the favour of the loan?"

Crane fidgeted. "Well, no," he muttered. "They were in a box taken by that fool of a highwayman. He was under the impression there was money in it, and no

doubt the papers are fluttering over the countryside, for he would throw them away when he discovered his error. But if you think you can worm your way out of our arrangement on that account you are mistaken. I have duplicates in London—witnesses, too—"

SIR HUGH held up his hand. "Mr. Crane, I will not put you to the trouble of producing duplicates or calling witnesses. You will understand, of course, that when I repay the loan I shall require you to sign a document stating you have no further claim on me or my estates."

"Draw up a document to that effect," Simon Crane rejoined with a leer. "I will sign it—as soon as I see the colour of your money."



Schoolboy: "But, sir! You told me to take a leaf from his book, didn't you?"

He watched with curling lip as Stanton proceeded to write. It was a task in which Sir Hugh was interrupted by a summons on the front door.

"That will be my agent Hawkins, Geoff," the baronet said. "He has been on an errand for me. Have him come in here, will you?"

The boy made his way from the room, to return shortly with a middle-aged man of scholastic appearance.

"Ah, Hawkins," Stanton greeted, "did you spend a pleasant sojourn in Bristol?"

"I scarcely had time to look at the place, Sir Hugh," was the reply. "I was too occupied in transacting the business I had to do."

He handed over a package, which, when opened, proved to contain thick sheaves of banknotes. Sir Hugh counted out a number of these, passed them to Crane and pointed to the document he had drawn up.

"There's your money. Now be good enough to sign this paper—and get out! You will appreciate that my earlier offer of hospitality no longer holds good."

SIMON CRANE had gone, his flabby face the picture of chagrin. Hawkins had also departed, and Sir Hugh and his son were alone in the study.

"Geoff," the baronet said, "I was a fool to hazard my estates in this trading enterprise to the Indies. I have learned my lesson, and it will never happen again. Faith, how lucky it was that the coach chanced to be held up by that highwayman. But for the delay he caused, Crane would have been here by mid-day and nothing could have saved me."

"Yes, you owe a great deal to that highwayman," Geoffrey reflected. "He was truly a knight of the road."

He touched his father on the sleeve.

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Poppaea — The Queen Of Tragedy

FOR Poppaea's love Nero murdered his mother and divorced his young wife Octavia, writes C.M. Franzero in *Everybody's Weekly*.

She has been described as the most famous beauty of her day in Rome. Perfectly educated, her intelligence added grace to her conversation and manners. She possessed the fascination of those women whose greatest charm comes from their seriousness, from a touch of melancholy in their appearance, an air of modesty and reserve. Whenever she went to the theatre or walked under the arcades of the Fields-of-Mars — which was the fashionable promenade at sunset — she covered her face with a veil.

Moreover, she was blonde, and in Rome, a real blonde was a rare flower. Her hair added to her appearance a suavity, a delicacy of tones. Poppaea appeared in public but rarely, gliding amongst the men almost without noticing them, radiating modesty. She was indeed ravishing, bewitching. In Court circles it was whispered that Poppaea had a price, like anyone else — but a very high one.

When Poppaea met Nero, she had just married Otho, a brilliant young man, with that touch of refined elegance that to the Emperor represented the ideal of a fashionable young man. Her real name was Lollia Poppaea, daughter of Lollius. Quite young she had married Crispinus, a wealthy knight, Prefect of the Praetorian Cohort; and she had discarded her paternal name of Lollia to assume the name of her maternal grandfather, Poppaeus Sabinus, a Consular personage.

Bath in Asses' Milk

Then her husband died, and she married Otho, who was young, rich and influential. One day Nero asked the brilliant courtier why he was keeping his wife away from the Court. Otho brought Poppaea to the Palace.

Nero soon became infatuated. A short time afterwards the Court was agog. Otho had fallen into disgrace, but the merciful Emperor was dispatching him to Portugal as Governor — leaving his wife behind. Poppaea was installed in an official residence.

No other woman ever carried so far the cult of her own beauty.

Out of her porphyry bath, Poppaea contemplated in the long mirrors of polished silver the image of her body that had the milky whiteness of the Parian marble. She took care to preserve that exquisite whiteness with baths of asses' milk. In a special *stabularium*, at the farther

end of the Palace grounds, were kept 400 asses, which supplied the milk for the Empress' morning bath. Whenever she travelled, the 400 asses made the journey in advance of her train.

Poppaea covered her face at night with a mask of paste that protected it from the ill effects of fresh air. Poppaea used a thick cream, no different from the grease used nowadays by actors in their make-up; and with this cream mixed with fine powder her masseuse made a kind of porcelain layer over her face. When Poppaea was not attending Palace functions or going out, she kept this mask on all day; when she took it off, her face, of a resplendent whiteness, seemed to blush deliciously at the lightest emotion.

Slaves in Attendance

For her hands she used crocodile mucus which made them soft and white. After her bath the slaves dried her body with swans' down, which seemed to cover it with a fine dust, and they stroked her tongue with flat ivory sticks to make it soft and velvety.

Then she placed herself in the hands of her personal attendants, who vied with one another in the care of her person. Her numerous slaves were divided into classes, according to their specialities; there were the African masseuses, the dressmakers and dressers from Alexandria; those who had

the keeping of the Empress' gowns and jewels in perfumed boxes; others who were experts in lacing her sandals and shoes.

In the vast dressing-room the supervisors of each service stood aside, vigilant and guiding while their Sovereign and mistress, wrapped in a dressing-gown and seated at the mirror, studied every curl of her hair or a new inclination of the head.

Lovely Head

Poppaea knew that she had the most beautiful hair in the whole of Rome. It was as warm and brilliant as amber.

From the medals that the artists cast of her head, the ladies of Rome endeavoured to copy her style of hairdressing. Poppaea wore her hair all around her brow and as far as the rosy shells or her ears in three rings of small curls, made with a heated iron curler, all alike and symmetrical, while the rest of the hair, drawn to the back of the head and rolled over the slender nape, was held in place by little chains and rings of gold. Narrow white ribbons, embroidered with precious stones, were occasionally used to tie the chignon.

A dark-headed girl from Samos knelt at her feet fixing the low shoes of Sycione, made of soft white kid, with soles of thin golden leaf, which enhanced with their metallic tap-tap the elegance of Poppaea's steps upon the marble floors. The small slippers enclosed her feet like a modern court-shoe, and were embroidered with pearls and held over the instep by straps of gold-cord and silk. A clip, shaped like an eagle or a crescent, was occasionally used in place of straps.

Before putting on the shoes, the maid enveloped Poppaea's feet and legs, as far as the knees, into narrow bands of the finest linen, which were held tight by garters as rich as a diadem. Then, another maid passed upon the Empress' head the first tunic, of the finest linen; but before the tunic, an embroidered corsage was adjusted over her bosom, a kind of brassiere made of a strong cloth of mixed wool, gold and silk, that came from the East. This corsage was the most brilliant part of a lady's dress; at times it was as jewelled

Queer Facts

Residents of Jamesburg, New Jersey, couldn't believe their eyes. Sometime between Monday evening and Tuesday morning, Lake Manaiapan, an artificial lake 2 miles square, vanished. Someone had opened one of the four flood gates and the water rushed out, leaving only muddy pools here and there. Investigation of the case was delayed until ten part-time Jamesburg policemen got home and had their dinner. Then two 14-year-old boys admitted they had drained the lake to get their rowboat, which had drifted off.

Carelessness by drivers and cyclists when turning to the RIGHT — either by not looking to see if the road was clear behind or by failing to give the correct signal — led to more than 1,000 people being injured and eighteen being killed in March, the British Ministry of Transport said.

Dr. Thomas G. Ward, of Johns Hopkins University, admitted, at a Chicago meeting sponsored by the Common Cold Foundation to investigate the causes of colds that no cure was known. "If I were to ask the 50 doctors in this room what was the best treatment for the common cold, I'd get 50 different answers," he said.

Came Anderson, the new warden at Angola prison in Louisiana, ordered, as one of his first steps, two well-trained bloodhounds. The prison has plenty of dogs, but Anderson doesn't think too highly of their training. During a recent break of four convicts, the "official" dogs at the penitentiary spent most of the night happily trailing Anderson.

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as a pectoral; and the stole or long robe which was worn open over this corsage, was so draped as to show the corsage, although the stole was held at the waist by a jewelled belt. The throat and the right arm were left bare, adorned with necklaces and many bracelets.

Long Hours at Mirror

Jealous of a throne and a power that she owed solely to her beauty, Poppaea neglected nothing that could charm Nero. She knew that there is everything to gain by making a lover wait for one's favours. She knew how to push into shadow a rival; she knew that Nature should be improved. She had practised the art of deportment and walking under the portico of the Theatre of Pompey, she had perfected the artifice of adding attraction to a fault, she knew how to put a spark of femininity and of levity into her smile. Poppaea was the first woman in Rome to wear clothes of pure silk and the only one to enwrap her head in long veils.

She passed long hours at the mirror, studying herself critically, considering those gestures which she felt could be improved upon, she watched the fluttering of her eyelashes, and the trembling of her body, and every movement of her limbs. She had acquired by way of constant practice the power to put on whatever expression she desired.

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She had a delightful laugh; a thing that can hold a fascination and be communicative of joy and cheerfulness. She spoke Greek beautifully, a language that was very fashionable and sounded so much lighter and more chic than the more solemn Latin.

She had developed her coquetry to the point of returning to the natural modesty of woman, because she knew that modesty, albeit an assumed virtue, is the most provocative of charms.

Fatal Night

Poppaea died of a haemorrhage one fatal night when Nero, returning inebriated from the races at the Circus, took offence at a remark of hers and kicked the Empress in the stomach.

Desolate and inconsolable, Nero ordered a special funeral. Instead of burning the corpse, in Roman fashion, he had it embalmed in the Egyptian style. The funeral was worthy of an Eastern Queen. The Emperor himself recited the funeral oration from the rostrum in the Forum; and he recalled the memory of his little daughter who had unfortunately died in the cradle.

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Nero wept most sincerely for her. No other woman could efface in him the bewitching memory of Poppaea; her memory haunted Nero like a sweet and clinging perfume; nowhere else could he find the same delicate beauty, the same charm, the same intoxication. He sought to forget Poppaea; he tried to lose himself in new and often mad attractions; but he could find only lassitude and fatigue.

When Convicts Broke Loose

When Mrs. Elizabeth Hill, 43, answered the knock at the back door one morning last month and saw the young man with a two-days' growth of beard, she was terrified. Her husband, James Hill, a hosiery-company executive, had left for work; her daughters Betsy and Susan were in school. In the big, ivy-covered house in a Philadelphia suburb, there were only Mrs. Hill, her eleven-year-old son Jimmy and four-year-old twins, Clyde and Robert. On the 8 a.m. newscast she had heard about the three "desperate and vicious" bank robbers who had escaped from the federal penitentiary at Lewisburg, reads a *Time* account.

"You probably know who we are," said 26-year-old Joseph Nolen. "We're not going to hurt you—we just want your house for a day. If you do what we tell you, nobody will be hurt." As Nolen pushed open the back door, his brother Ballard, 22, and Elmer Schuer, 21, of Chicago, appeared from behind a trellis, pointing shotguns at Mrs. Hill. When the men had searched the house from cellar to attic, Mrs. Hill asked them if they would like some breakfast. "Yes, we'd appreciate it," replied Joseph politely. She fixed them some scrambled eggs, bacon and coffee.

Wore Husband's Clothes

Breakfast done, the three fugitives took baths and shaved, helping themselves to Hill's hair tonic and shaving lotion. Then they helped themselves to Hill's suits. When Joseph discovered that six-footer Hill's suits didn't fit, he sat down at an old treadle sewing machine and carefully altered the trousers and sleeves. The thread broke repeatedly, and Mrs. Hill kept re-threading the needle.

At 4 p.m., when Susan and Betsy came home from school and found Ballard guarding their mother (the other two had gone out somewhere on an errand), they thought it was some kind of joke.

Two hours later Hill came home from work, and Ballard ushered the whole family into the kitchen for dinner. They were all seated at a meal when Joseph and Schuer returned. "May I come in?" asked Joseph politely, "standing in the kitchen doorway. Later the men played poker.

"I guess you folks would like to go to bed," suggested Joseph at last. "If you do, just go ahead. I wish you would all go up to the third floor if you do go to bed." Hill observed that there was only one bed

up there. So Joseph and the other two men carried up several loads of cribs and mattresses. Hill sat up all night in a chair while his family tried to sleep. At 3.30 a.m., 19 hours after the fugitives entered the house, he heard his car start up. The three men then drove away into the early morning blackness, where the FBI and most of the police in Pennsylvania hunted for them.

Thrilling Fight

They stole four cars, ran through and around Pennsylvania police road-blocks, stabbed, kidnapped, looted and when they ran short of cash, they staged a three-minute raid on a Bronx bank, got \$12,680. Early one morning last month, 11 days after the escape, 31 New York police, armed with tear gas, a tommy gun, service revolvers, broke into an apartment. On a bed stood Joseph Nolen, naked to the waist, one hand behind his back. Crouched behind a dresser with a revolver was Ballard Schuer, terrified, hid under the bed with a woman.

Two other women hid behind a bathroom shower curtain. As Joseph whipped out a revolver he had in his belt, police opened up. When the shooting was over, the two Nolens lay dead and Detective Philip La Monica fatally wounded. Another detective was seriously wounded. Schuer emerged meekly from his hiding place to end one of the biggest manhunts since the days of John Dillinger.

The Flowering Desert!

Thirty miles north of Amman, Jordan, some 100 acres of bright green grass grew eight inches high. Around it lay dusty desert supporting a few tough shrubs. Soldiers of the Arab Legion last month were guarding the grass day and night to keep the goats and camels of the Bedouins from eating it down to the roots. The Bedouins themselves came in droves to admire the greenery, for no such grass had grown in that desert since the time of the Prophet.

Last summer Norman H. French, water expert of the U.S. Point Four programme, went into the desert with a gang of Arabs and some U.S. earth-moving equipment. Jordan gets some rain, but it usually comes in violent cloud-bursts, and the hard soil sheds it like a slate roof. Instead of sinking in, the water roars down the wadies (dry washes) and is lost in the sand.

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PETER FORD had been working on the plantation for three years. During that time he had never received a letter or even a post card. For all the outside world cared he might not have existed.

Somehow he couldn't reconcile himself to the fact that there never would be any letters. He didn't seem to understand that there was nobody who would write to him—no relatives, no friends. This desire for a letter had become an obsession and every week, when the Mail came in, he would hover around, always optimistic.

After the Mail had been handed out, and the Postman had said, "Sorry—nothing for you this week, Peter," he would wander over to Steve Novak's hut. Novak always received a lot of letters, and Peter liked to stand by and watch him sort out his bundle.

Novak didn't seem to mind him watching, so Peter would stand by wishing that just one of those fat envelopes was his.

One day, just before the mail was due, Peter made up his mind that there would be nothing for him. He confided his decision to Novak. Novak laughed. He patted Peter on the back and told him not to give up—that there was sure to be a letter soon. Peter shook his head and was about to move away, when he changed his mind.

"Would you do something for me, Steve?" he stammered.

"Sure," said Novak absently.

"Would you sell me one of your letters? I'll give you a fiver for it," he added hastily.

Novak suppressed a smile. He felt sorry for Peter, and didn't want to hurt his feelings.

"But there is not much fun in receiving somebody else's letter," he said kindly.

Peter replied that he didn't care, as long as he had a letter.

Novak shrugged his shoulders. "All right. If you want one so badly, you can have one."

When the Mail arrived, and Peter had been informed that there was nothing for him, he went over to Novak's hut.

Novak showed him the letters and told him to pick the one he wanted. Taking one from the batch, Peter handed Novak the five-pound note.

Novak said he didn't want anything for the letter, but Peter insisted.

With the letter in his pocket Peter retreated happily to his hut.

THAT night, after they had had a few whiskies, Novak casually asked Peter what was in the letter.

By F.L. Atkinson

Peter refused to tell him, saying that it was his letter and none of Novak's business. The two men had a heated argument. Novak offered to give Peter back his money for the letter, but he wouldn't take it. Finally Novak went to bed without knowing the contents of the letter.

The next morning the two men did not speak. This silence continued for a few days. In the meantime Novak fretted about the letter. He couldn't think who it could have been from. Maybe somebody was dead, he thought—or perhaps that girl he had written to had finally gotten around to answering his letter. He hadn't taken any notice of the writing on the envelope, and tormented himself for being so stupid.

A week passed. Novak couldn't concentrate on his work—he lost weight caused by a troubled sleep and a disinclination to eat. Even-

tually he broke the silence and offered to pay Peter ten pounds for the letter. Peter refused. Desperate, Novak offered to pay him anything he liked. Still Peter refused.

DISTRACTED, Novak decided to get the letter back himself. During the lunch period he left his work and went back to Peter's hut. He searched everywhere for the letter, but couldn't find it. Just as he was about to leave, Peter came in.

Once again they argued. Once again Peter refused to divulge the contents of the letter. Something snapped inside of Novak; he threw a punch at Peter, and knocked him to the ground. With a yell he jumped on the fallen man, and threatened to strangle him if he

didn't tell him what was in the letter.

Peter lay motionless. He didn't answer.

"Tell me!" Novak yelled.

Still Peter didn't answer. Novak became frightened. He felt for Peter's pulse, but couldn't find it. He listened for his heartbeat, but there wasn't any. Peter was dead.

A FEW weeks later, whilst awaiting trial for the murder of Peter Ford, Novak received this letter from his brother.

"Dear Steve, I can't understand why you did not answer my letter, even if you couldn't lend me the five-pound note.

"As it was, I had to pawn my watch and you know how inconvenient it is going without your watch."

THE PARCEL

IT was a week before Mohan left for Ceylon when it happened. It took Mohan completely by surprise. Shakuntala, his wife, refused point blank to believe it. Had it been anyone else but Sadv who brought the news, she might have believed it; she also might have believed it had the news concerned anyone else's son.

Mohan and his wife were in the drawing room listening to the evening radio news when Sadv called. Somehow she did not like Sadv. His gnarled-looking appearance horrified her. When she looked into his bloodshot eyes she felt sick with apprehension and was overcome with an ineffable nausea. She knew him to be a wily, cantankerous neighbour whose diseased mind was susceptible to the vilest of schemes. She hated him.

His dark face unsmiling, Sadv entered with his palms joined together. Mohan returned his wish with joined palms and motioned him to a chair. He glanced around the spacious room, and even though he had seen it many times his eyes seemed to travel round, taking in the polished chairs covered with plush, the ornate tables on which ivory ornaments were neatly arranged, the pictures hanging on the walls, the thick carpet under his feet. He had seen them all before but yet, as he entered, his eyes betrayed an open perversity, filled with malice and a touch of envy.

"Mohan," said Sadv, "I've brought some bad news regarding your boy."

"Gopal?" Shakuntala leaned slightly forward, and even though she tried to be calm her face betrayed her impatience.

"Yes," said Sadv. "I was just at Seetaram's, the jeweller. I saw your son steal a wrist watch."

Sadv leaned back in his chair, his face composed in unspoken sympathy. He lit himself a cigarette. He took a few, quick,

staccato puffs, then a deep, long inhalation. He expelled the smoke through his nostrils, slowly.

"I don't believe it," said Shakuntala.

"Go on," said Mohan.

SADV took another deep, long inhalation. His attention was concentrated on the burning end of his cigarette. "There is nothing else to say. I got the boy to return the watch... no, no, nobody found out. Only I know about it. But don't ask the boy. It will make him feel bad about it. It will have a serious psychological effect on him."

By Mervyn Driver

"My son is not a thief!" Shakuntala was trembling with sudden fear and humiliation.

Sadv smiled slowly. "No, not a thief. Just a common kleptomaniac like most other boys. But they shed these habits after a time."

"I don't believe you!" said Shakuntala. She now despised him.

There was an impish smile on Sadv's face. "Am I lying?"

"Yes!"

The impish smile faded and was replaced by a dark, hard glint in the eyes. "It might interest you to know that one word from me would ruin your son's future prospects."

"Now, now," said Mohan. The situation would soon be getting out of hand if he did not control it. "Let's forget this little matter. I'll take it up with the boy when he gets home."

Sadv looked hesitant. "No," he said. "I would not advise you to question the boy. Of course, he will deny it."

Shakuntala felt suddenly disgusted. The man was lying. Her son a thief—a kleptomaniac! She sprang up and left the room.

She could hear them talking from the next room. She wished with all the longing in her heart that the man would leave.

"I understand you're going to Ceylon," she heard Sadv say. "I was just wondering if you would do me a favour."

Shakuntala went closer to the door so she could better hear them. She stood there, her small body tense with growing anxiety. Her face, usually composed and

pretty, was now dark with the shadow of doubt.

"You're a businessman, Mohan. You deal in ivory works and what not. You see, I want to send some clay to a friend in Colombo and have it chemically examined by the government laboratory there. Will you take it?"

OH, the low, cringing, mean man Shakuntala thought. Don't take it, you fool! Do him a favour and he'll ride on your head! She clenched her teeth to ward off her disgust.

"Well," she heard her husband say, then pause as though hesitant. She waited for his answer. It never seemed to be coming.

"Is it a big parcel?" he asked at last.

"No," she heard Sadv answer. "Very small. About a pound in weight at the most."

"All right, I'll take it," said Mohan.

She imagined him smiling in his quiet, sheepish way. That was

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the kind of man he was — one who could not say no to anyone. That was the kind of husband she had — one who possessed no backbone.

AN hour later Gopal came home. He was a tall, strapping boy with a shock of curly black hair and a thin margin of a moustache. He was studying law at the University.

Shakuntala looked at her husband, waiting. When the boy had gone to his room, she went over to her husband. "It is not true what the neighbour said," she told him. "Question the boy and find out the truth. Our Gopal is not a common thief."

"And of what good will that be?" Mohan raised thin eyebrows. He had a long, cadaverous face. Time had dug furrows in his brown cheeks. "The boy surely will deny it," he said. He continued to listen to the radio.

"But he is not a thief! Why must he steal a watch when his father can afford to buy him one?"

"It is not the watch which counts," answered Mohan. "It could be anything else. He is a kleptomaniac, as Sadiv says. He steals — or rather pilfers — on a sudden, momentary impulse. Such impulses are irresistible. They must be sympathised with, not abused and criticised. Boys usually always grow out of such habits when they achieve the responsibilities of manhood; such things are the problems of adolescence and should be ignored."

Shakuntala felt sick with despair. Even he admits their son is a kleptomaniac! She was overcome with a sudden urge to fling herself on the floor and cry. But she controlled herself.

A DAY before Mohan left for Ceylon, Sadiv came over with a small parcel. The parcel was wrapped in wax paper, tied and sealed. He gave Mohan the address to which the parcel was to be delivered.

"Why the seal?" Mohan asked. "Surely the Customs will want to examine the contents."

Sadiv paused. He placed a forefinger on his lower lip which protruded hideously. He knitted

his brows in thought. "Look," he said, "you'd better not show this to the Customs. It is just clay — but the finest clay you can get, and which you can't get in Ceylon. I'm not sure, but I think there's a restriction on exporting this stuff."

"But what if they insist on examining it?"

"But how can they examine it if they don't find it? Look, you'll be taking a lot of ivory work with you. You've been going and coming quite frequently. You know the Customs officials pretty well, and they know you. You don't have to show this. Just put it with all your other small parcels and get it through. But," he paused, "if they find it and charge duty, then you can pay up and I'll settle with you when you return."

Mohan looked doubtful, but shrugged his consent.

IF Mohan was not suspicious, his wife was. She had watched the scene and heard every word of the conversation. Shakuntala pondered over this for a long time. Why send clay all the way to Ceylon for chemical analysis when you could get it done here? Surely there are many laboratories, both government and private, that could give you a complete report? "You'd better not show this to the Customs," Sadiv had said. Why not? What actually was he afraid of? What was really in the parcel?

Her curiosity, prompted by her growing suspicion, made her work fast. She waited till Mohan went out that evening. Then she carefully broke the seal, cut the string and unwrapped the parcel. The lid of the tin was stuck down with sticking plaster. She removed the plaster and opened the tin.

A strong, pungent smell assailed her. She looked into the tin as she held her nose. She saw a dark brown substance wrapped in a single banana leaf. Was this clay? Clay doesn't have so strong an odour. And then, like a lightning flash revealing an object in the darkness, she understood. The tin contained cheap, adulterated opium. Opium! She stood back, the fury of the shock striking havoc upon

her. Her mind reeled and she let out a short, stifled scream. She felt as giddy as a wheel.

Shakuntala sat down. She feared her legs would not support her. Perspiration began to gather on her brow. She felt her heart hammering inside her.

So this was what the dirty cheat was up to. At times she had often wondered how Sadiv earned his living; he had no work but yet he always had money. Now she knew. Sadiv was just a cunning, wily crook, an opium trafficker, a contraband smuggler. Lower than the lowliest of scum, he was getting Mohan to do the dirty work for him.

AT first thought, the scheme seemed wild and ridiculous. But, on considering the facts, she knew the mind behind it was as shrewd and as sharp as a blade. Sadiv knew that Mohan went frequently to Ceylon, that he was well-known to the Customs people, that all his parcels were just given a casual once-over. So, when Mohan took Sadiv's parcel, it would pass through the Customs barrier with just a casual glance.

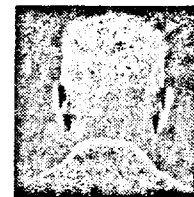
And Mohan, like the simple, ignorant fool that he was, had agreed to do his neighbour a favour, blindly. But what could the poor man do? First, Sadiv had him in the palm of his hand, then he pushed the parcel on to him. If Mohan refused to take it, their son's future would be shattered by a single accusation. She now knew that that accusation was as false as Sadiv himself.

What must she do? If she told Mohan — what would he do? She knew what he would do. Nothing. Just nothing! He didn't have the backbone to do anything.

Shakuntala sat there, looking at the tin, pondering and despairing. There was only one thing she could do. She picked up the tin and went into the kitchen.

She crouched before a small, flat table and emptied the contents of the tin. The stench was unbearable. She had to hold her nose for fear of retching. Then she opened a drawer and

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took out another tin. With two fingers of her right hand she picked up the banana leaf, with its contents, and dropped it into the other tin. She closed the tin, and, with the original seal and string, she wrapped up the tin in a large cloth, put the bundle into the drawer, and then closed and locked the drawer. As an extra precaution, she shifted the table so that the drawer faced, and was up against, the kitchen wall. For a moment she felt relieved.

She rose and took the empty tin of the parcel to the tap. She washed the tin clean and then wiped it dry. She took the tin outside and filled it with sand. When she returned to the dining room she wrapped the tin in the wax paper, tied it with a new piece of string and then got out the sealing wax, candle and matches. With the help of a large brass button which had some sort of a design on it, she affixed the seal, making sure the monogram on the seal was not quite legible.

Sadiv's parcel appeared as though it had not been touched. Shakuntala felt the relief one feels when a job is well done.

The next day Mohan left for Ceylon.

Early every morning, as punctual as the cock's crow, Sadiv called to ask if any news had come from Mohan. A week passed, but yet Shakuntala did not tell him that she had received a letter from Mohan saying he had arrived safely. Sadiv showed signs of grave anxiety. She felt a wild desire to frighten him, but she smothered it. The time will come, she told herself, the time will come...

ON the night before Mohan's return, Shakuntala called her son Gopal and had a talk with him. They spoke long into the night in exaggerated whispers.

Shakuntala was in the drawing room when Mohan returned. She found him looking paler and thinner, a little more gray at the temples. The journey must have been a strain on him. She arose to meet him, palms joined together, a quiet smile playing at the corners of the mouth.

They were barely together a few moments when Sadiv rushed in. He looked haggard but the sight of Mohan brought a glow to his dark face. His sigh could not have been more genuine, his relief more complete.

"You delivered the parcel?" He was breathless. He did not see Shakuntala leave the room.

"The parcel?" Mohan was for a moment confused. "Oh, yes, the parcel. I say," he said on sudden recollection, "I told them the parcel contained clay. They disbelieved me and opened it. And what d'you think they found?"

Colour drained from Sadiv's face. He did not see Shakuntala re-enter. Nor did he see the Inspector and the two constables at the doorway.

"I can't understand it," said Mohan. "You said it contained clay. It didn't."

"Of course, it didn't, you damn fool! It contained... Oh, er, didn't you deliver it?"

"Of course, he did," said Shakuntala. "But the parcel he delivered contained sand."

Sadiv whirled round as though on a pivot. He glared at Shakuntala. When he saw the Inspector and the constables, he froze. But he matched his action to the moment. His eyes narrowed to slits. "What the hell are you talking about? Sand? That parcel contained clay."

Shakuntala stared his gaze down. "The parcel which was delivered contained sand, but the original contents of the parcel, which is cheap adulterated opium, is now at the police station."

The police Inspector came forward, a tall giant of a man. His thick moustache lent him power and his voice held the sting of police authority. "I've seen many a foolish smuggler in my time," he said. "You should have thought out a better scheme. We'll see the end of you at the station."

Sadiv's face became a hideous mask. He crouched, like a tiger ready to spring, his lips curled back into a horrid sneer. "You can't prove a thing!" he hissed.

Mohan stepped forward. "Look here," he said. "I don't understand this. That parcel contained sand."

"Yes," the Inspector said patiently. "The parcel you delivered contained sand. But, originally it was intended to carry contraband opium. The fool thought he could get away with it. But your wife fortunately discovered it just before you left. So she exchanged the opium for sand, and handed over the opium, together with the seal and string of the parcel, to the police. The seal is enough evidence to convince any jury that he's the smuggler."

When the Inspector spoke these words, Sadiv visibly broke down. Shouting, he began to stammer and gesticulate frantically.

AT that moment Gopal entered. He had been standing outside, listening. Shakuntala went up to her son. There was yet one more little matter to be cleared up.

"Gopal," she said, "about a fortnight ago this man accused you of stealing a watch from Seetaram's jewellery store. Is it true?"

Gopal stared at Sadiv and for a moment his face was contorted in rage. Then, with a softening effect, his face was composed with a glow of understanding.

"Of course, it's not," he said. "In fact it's just the other way around. I had caught him stealing a watch from Seetaram's store. I felt sorry for him, so I promised to ignore the incident provided he returned the watch, which he did... H'm! I see. To get his self-respect back he told you all that I had stolen the watch! And that not being enough, he even threatened to blackmail me, if father refused to take the parcel for him!"

The Inspector looked sterner than before. "It's getting deeper," he said. He barked an order and the constables removed Sadiv by force. He twisted and wriggled in the constables' hands and cried out to Mohan to save him.

"Well," said Mohan. He was suddenly feeling very, very tired. He looked at his wife and for the first time in many years he felt for her a sudden acute sense of admiration. Had it not been for her... ☸

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SOUND AND SHADOW:

Peep Into A Planning For Outdoor Shooting!

A few days ago, Khwaja Ahmad Abbas, the writer, producer and director of Naya Sansar's bilingual film *Rahi*, left for Ootacamund. Stated thus, this bald fact seems to have no special significance. And yet it represents the culmination of over six months of planning. I happened to visit Abbas in his first-floor flat in Empress Court, Bombay, on the eve of his departure. He seemed to be the focal point of a scene comprising of half a dozen assistants, all holding pieces of paper and chewing pencil ends. Worry seemed the major keynote of the scene, writes D.P. of B.P.F.S.

They were making lists, I learned, of the things to be bought, borrowed, collected and attended to during the next 24 hours for a party of 30 which was proceeding to Ooty the next day for the outdoor shooting of *Rahi* in the tea gardens of the Nilgiris. There was no precedent to guide the compilers of the list. No Bombay film producer had been to Ooty before. So the only method to get the list ready was to depend wholly upon individual, sporadic inspiration. Assistant director Trivedi, who was toying with an evening paper, suddenly caught sight of an item in it—the weather report—and came out with the information that the temperature in Ooty would be around 58 when the Unit arrived there. This led to the addition of an important item to the list: warm clothing for everyone.

Then Abbas suddenly remembered that the last time he had gone to Ooty on a reconnaissance trip he had had trouble about drinking water on the way.

So down went another item on the list: 8 earthen pitchers. The list that finally emerged (around midnight) had 118 big and small items on it and (as

I peruse it now) contains a most heterogeneous assortment of things—4 cameras (two of them operated by battery in case the Unit should find itself away from an electric connection), sound equipment in one piece weighing 12 maunds for which special permission had to be obtained from the Central Railway authorities, bundles of bread, butter and cheese, half a dozen knives, a dozen glass tumblers, tablets of Paludrine, bottles of smelling salts, raw film (both pictorial and sound), a dozen copies of the *Rahi* script, needles and thread, buttons of all sizes and so forth.

And yet, "I'm sure we've forgotten many things," said Abbas, handing the list to the Naya Sansar executives to get busy with! Abbas was to have obtained most of these things, especially the technical equipment, from some studios in Coimbatore and was so promised. But he has selected for his outing a time when most Southern producers would themselves be shooting outdoors, with consequent dispersal of most of the heavy equipment over wide and far-flung areas. The party that went to Ooty—most of it by train, a few heavily pre-engaged ones by plane—consisted of the major members of the *Rahi* cast (which consists of Dev Anand, Nalini Jaywant, Balraj Sabni, Achala Sachdev, Kate Sethi and Manmohan Krishna), ten female dancers, a number of assistants in the direction and management departments



Gloria Grahame plays the role of the sultry wife of Frederic March in *Man On A Tightrope*, which was recently completed in Germany.

and ("Heaven be thanked!") the inimitable David, who not only has a role in the film but is also directing the dialogue of the English version.

Having David as a companion in a long journey is one of those blessings that don't come often and, as the Madras Mail steamed out of the Victoria Terminus Station on D-day, I could already hear the rumblings of the boisterous time the travellers proposed to have with the famous comedian. 36 hours of an idle David and (as I could see very well) David in top form! Some people have all the luck.

Ashok Studios' Maiden Film Completed

Working hard, according to a pre-laid plan, quietly and without much fanfare, Ashok Studios have now completed their maiden film *Teen Tasveeren* (Three Portraits) and propose to release it in about twenty days from now. It will be remembered that the heroine of *Teen Tasveeren*, Miss Nina Maker, died in March last when, although the most important portions of her work had already been picturised, about a quarter of the film had remained unfinished. The producers, whom her death stunned nearly as much as it did her parents, were lucky, however, that the deceased's younger sister, Nirmal, resembled her so closely as to be indistinguishable except to the trained observer. The rest of the picture, therefore, was completed with Nirmal. She has been given the name of Nimma Maker for film purposes.

Contrary to general forebodings, this midstream change of horses has imparted no jerks whatsoever to the story, because Nirmal's amazing resemblance to her sister, supplemented by clever make-up, has preserved all the continuity necessary. Rush prints and still photographs both confirm the producers' original belief that Nina's demise, although a tragedy of great magnitude, would not hamper the completion of the picture. It is impossible to tell the two sisters, one from the other, as seen in the film. Apart from being a most unusual tale, *Teen Tasveeren* has several other attractions. Some of these are its photo-

graphy, its music and a new kind of dance enacted by Nina Maker and 22 other female dancers before a seven-foot statue of Lord Buddha, which a well known local artist took over a month to model out of plaster of Paris.

This dance is a highlight of the film and has spell-binding qualities. *Teen Tasveeren*, written by Dr. R. K. Trivedi, a well known industrial chemist, deals with the life of a girl who became the most famous dancer of her time and floodlights a burning problem of our times: How far can personal morality be co-ordinated with a career? The *Teen Tasveeren* cast is composed of Nina Maker, Nirmal Maker, Kamal Mehra, Aneel Kishore, Sharda and that doyen among character actors, Kumar. Prem Dhawan's songs have been set to music by Ninu Muzumdar, whose work in *Gopinath* alone, if nothing else, entitles him to a very high place in the list of music directors. A new male and a new female voice have been introduced to the audience for the first time. Those who like good stories told without the aid of star names and ostentation, are sure to like *Teen Tasveeren*.

Magician P.C. Sorcar's Attempt To Better 3-D Films!

Celebrated Indian Magician Shri P. C. Sorcar, twice winner of the Sphinx Award, the Nobel Prize of Magic from New York for the best stage magic and acclaimed as the "World's Greatest Magician" has left for England by KLM recently from Calcutta. After touring the whole of Europe, he expects to attend the Peace Conference in Bucharest. He also proposes to go to Russia. Finally, he will visit America before returning to India. His main object in this tour is to finalise the production of his new invention, *Film To Life*, in which the main character on the screen will come out in real flesh and blood and will show magic in conjunction with the screen character. This he will put in opposition to the new 3-D films. He will personally see the 3-D films in Europe and America and will then visit the Film Studios in U. K., Germany, Italy and Hollywood for improvement of his new project, *Film To Life* states a *Rup-Bani* report.

Hemen Gupta Forges Ahead With "Ferry"

It is, in the opinion of those who have had occasion to watch the shooting of Film Trust of India Ltd's *Ferry*, an education in itself to study producer-director Hemen Gupta's method of working. He merges himself completely in his subject and identifies himself with every single artiste who is working on the sets to interpret the characters of the story. His sincerity and his assiduous hard work are the two qualities that lift his work—and ultimately his achievement—far above the output of most other producer-directors of this film industry.

Hemen Gupta's work, as observers have attested, is made all the more difficult by the fact that three of the principal roles of the film are enacted by two tiny tots and an Alsatian dog. Dealing with children as artistes calls for a great deal of patience on the part of the director; and Hemen Gupta's test is all the more rigid because Master Babu (the 5 year old son of music director Hemanta Mukherjee) and Baby Bula (Hemen Gupta's own 4 year old daughter) are quite temperamental. It speaks volumes for Hemen Gupta's fortitude and tact that he has been able to channelise the talents of these youngsters and the canine cleverness of Jackie, the Alsatian, to achieve more than satisfactory results for his film.

Having completed 20 days' shooting at the Modern Studios, Andheri, producer-director Hemen Gupta is now finalising all details for the further shooting which will commence within a week. Apart from the children and the dog, the principal artistes of the film, Geeta Bali and Dev Anand, featured prominently on the sets which were the creation of well-known art director Biren Naug. The picturisation was in the expert hands of well-known cinematographer (and formerly producer-director) Ajay Kar. The music composition of the film is by Hemanta Mukherjee who is fast approaching the front rank of music directors. His exquisite creations are the soul and the ornament of the film.

Society Pictures' "Wo-Id"

The producers of Society Pictures' *World* claim that over two and a half million rupees were spent in the production of the picture. Besides, it is further claimed: the picture took 3 years in the making; 250,000 feet of negative exposed; 50 different settings; 140 spectacular scenes; 10,000 extras; 160 speaking parts. The picture is a bi-lingual one. The Tamil version is titled *Ulagam* and the Telugu version *Prapan-cham*. Overall supervision, dialogues and songs are by M.H.M. Munas who is the proprietor of the concern. Story and screenplay are by Mrs. C.P. Munas. L.S. Ramachandran has directed the picture which was shot at the Star Combines Studios. In the Tamil version are: M.V. Rajamma, P.K. Saraswathi, M.S. Draupadi, T.R. Rajini, M. Lakshmi Prabha, N.R. Sakuntala, C.K. Saraswathi, V. Nagiah, T.E. Varadan, P.S. Veerappa, T.K. Baghavathi, S.M. Kumaresan, "Pulimottai" Ramaswami, M.R. Swaminathan, E.R. Sahadevan, K. Doraiswami, M.V. Mani and others. Folk dance is by Kumari Kamala while Bharatha Natya pieces are by Lalitha and Padmini. The wrestling sequences show Dara Singh and Ali Reza Bey. Wong Buck Li acts as the referee. The picture was released in the City and all over the South on the 10th of this month.

Nehru & Chaplin Meet

Prime Minister Nehru spent several hours recently with Charlie Chaplin at the famed comedian's country home in Switzerland, on his way back from London. The master entertainer called on Shri Nehru, when the Prime Minister halted at Geneva, and took him out for a drive and lunch at his estate, states a press report.

New Member of Central Board of Film Censors

A press note issued by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting states that Mrs. Violet Alva has been nominated to be a member of the Central Board of Film Censors in the place of Mrs. Durgabhai Deshmukh who had resigned from it.

Pakshiraja's "Ponni"

Released at two theatres, Wellington and Broadway, in the City and at other centres in Tamilnad recently was Pakshiraja's *Ponni* in Tamil. Directed by Sreeramulu Naidu, the picture has in the cast D. Balasubramanyam, T.S. Durairaj, M.R. Swaminathan, Sriram, Kausik, Lalitha, Padmini, Santhakumari and others. Story is by Sri A.S.A. Swami. Dialogues are by a trio—Ilangoan, A.S.A. Swami and Balasubramanyam. The Telugu version entitled *Oka Thalli Pillalu* ("Children of One Mother") is to be released shortly all over the Andhra. Lalitha and Padmini as the girls Ponni and Kanmani, D. Balasubramanyam as Nallasivam, Santhakumari as Swarna and Durairaj and Swaminathan as the rickshaw owner and rickshaw puller give excellent character portrayals.

S.D. Narang Commences Shooting Of 11th Film

Anyone who has produced and directed 10 films, and has acted in almost twice as many, can by rights be called a veteran of the film industry. It does not matter where most of his activities have been centred, or that he is comparatively unknown to the public in so far as his achievements are concerned. Experience is the thing that counts. And it is this experience that is the greatest asset of Producer-Director-Actor S. D. Narang, who is now making a bid for honours in Bombay, runs a *Display & Publicity* handout.

Sohaag, his 11th production, is, of course, his first in Bombay. His success in his new venture is no doubt in the lap of the future, but his past record is quite indicative of the fact that Narang knows how to make his mark in this sphere of activity. If he did not achieve very great success in his 3 Hindustani productions in Calcutta, it was mainly because he was operating in a field in which Hindustani films could not have as much success as those made in Bombay. Recognising the demand of his market and in keeping with his environment, he turned to Bengali productions and achieved considerable and creditable success. His 3 Bengali films,

Aparajita, *Chittagong Armoury Raid* and *Cheener Putul*, fared very well at the box office and Narang came to be recognised as one of the foremost producer-directors of Bengali films. If he could achieve such success in making Bengali films which were not intrinsically his forte, there is no reason why he should not be quite as successful in the production of Hindustani films in Bombay which is, more or less, the native ground of Hindustani films.

Having started shooting of *Sohaag* without any 'Muhurat,' Narang has already completed work on one set of the film. The shooting of the film will continue at regular intervals hereafter. Based upon a highly emotional and powerful family story of Monilal Bannerjee who shot into prominence with the success of *Swayamsiddha*, Narang's film boasts of a stellar cast headed by Geeta Bali, Bharat Bhushan, Smriti Biswas, Narang, Bipin Gupta and Leela Chitnis. The camera is being handled by Madan Sinha and the music by Chitragupta.

Simultaneous Screen Debut

Esther Williams' two young sons and two of Joan Crawford's adopted daughters have made simultaneous screen debuts—in the final scene of *Easy to Love*, Esther Williams' co-starring film with Van Johnson, Tony Martin and John Bromfield. Although Benjy, at the age of ten months, appeared briefly in a "carry-on" background part in *Pagan Love Song* over two years ago, *Easy to Love* gives him his first actual role.

Bob Hope As Casanova

Bob Hope will be seen in silk knee breeches, shiny buckles and powdered wigs as the star of *Mr. Casanova*, a hilarious comedy concerning history's famous lover. Placed in the Italy of the mid-eighteenth century, Bob Hope becomes involved with two beautiful girls, one a grocer's daughter, the other an heiress who travels in royal circles. Bob Hope's first film in 1953, *Mr. Casanova* will precede *Road to the Moon* which is due to start later in the year.

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I find it difficult to devote any time for anything except working for wages, but I used to have a few hours at my disposal on Sundays, which I spent with pleasure in reading the articles by Swami Sivananda Saraswati in *My Magazine* and for the rest of the time, I worked out MYWORDS Competitions! In my opinion MYWORDS Competitions' Clues are matter-of-fact Clues and it will not be difficult for any solver to get at the right answer, provided he studies the Clues with a clear and calm mind.

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I regret to inform you that I could not write to you earlier due to certain unavoidable circumstances at home.

I duly received your M.O. for Rs. 3-6-0, in respect of MYWORDS No. 21 towards shares of prize, for which please accept my best thanks.

As already advised by me, I am a regular Competitor of your MYWORDS which are very simple, straightforward and very easy to solve and as such I always take a great pleasure in solving the same every month.

Whilst thanking you very much for the prompt attention extended by you in the payment of prize money, I wish your MYWORDS a very bright future.

Yours faithfully,
(Sd.) A. KRISHNA IYENGAR.
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Dear Sir,

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Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,
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Sholapur, Dn.



Dear Sir,

While thanking you for your letter congratulating me on my success in MYWORDS No. 21, I like to send the following few lines to be published in your Journal.

I am a teacher aged 36, working in a school in this locality. During leisure hours I used to solve MYWORDS. This is not the first time I entered into this Competition. I have already scored a second prize which encouraged me to solve the Clues correctly and win a prize in MYWORDS No. 21. It needs only a little effort and patience to select the apt word.

"Failures are stepping stones to success" should be the motto of our fellow Competitors.

Thanking you once again,

Yours faithfully,
(Sd.) V. PAUL MANOHARAN.
10/26, Venkatachalam Chetty Street,
KOTTAIYUR.

Sir,

The very first attempt of mine has fetched me an amount of Rs. 4/- for two errors. Poverty stricken and jobless, having lot of dependants I consider this a wealth that *My Magazine* had bestowed upon me. Even in this financial state I shall try to compete everytime. My thanks to you and may MYWORDS prosper for the benefit of the wanted in these struggling days.

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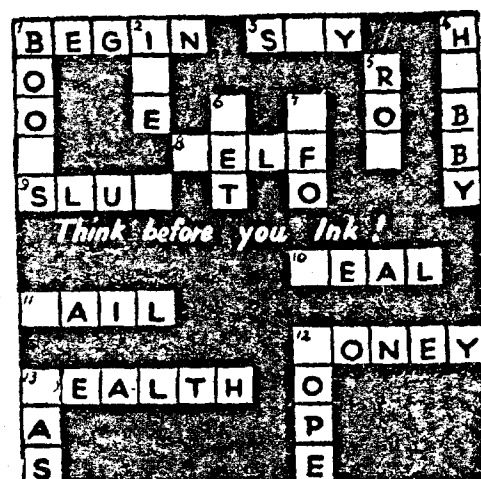
Across

1. — right now to solve the Clues and your problems will soon be solved!
3. Man whose near relations are none too respectable is apt to be this when questioned even casually about them.
8. Many a man who has placed — above everything else finds himself without even one true friend.
9. To improve a — calls for considerable patience and putting up with much criticism.
10. Healthy appetite would induce one to eat a good — with unconcealed relish.
11. It is sheer stupidity to — over what has happened.
12. Even intelligent man is apt to let this sway him a lot.
13. It is only after he has lost his — that man realises its value.

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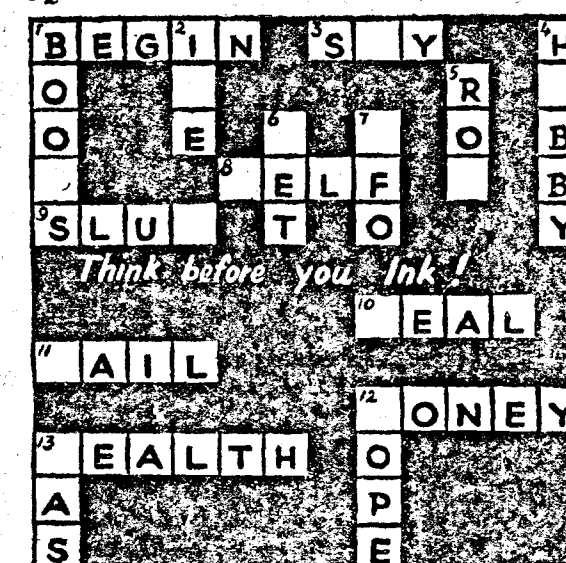
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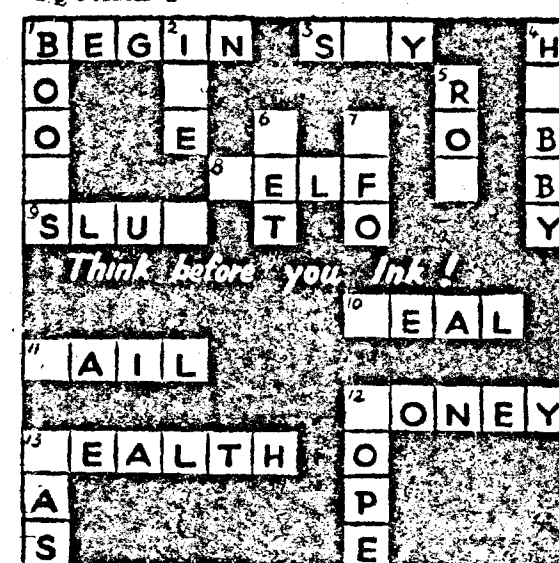
1. Man who spends much of his time with — would feel uncomfortable when forced to be without them.
2. Anger.
4. Woman who hasn't criticised the — of other women is yet to be born!
5. Social workers who visit slums have to put up with vulgar — there.
6. Guest who has unthinkingly offered to hold hostess' infant would secretly hope it won't this him!
7. Jumbled spelling of FOE.
12. Young man inclined to — too much is not likely to get on well in life.
13. Young woman in love who doesn't care to find out what her man — is likely to be the worse for it.

SQUARE 1



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SQUARE 2



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ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE'S

VIEWPOINT

ACROSS

2. "Man who is — will find himself left alone at social gathering." COARSE, Hoarse, Morose?

Hoarse throat does not constitute a social sin for people to avoid man who has one. Man who is Morose is not at all likely to attend a social gathering. If at all he does, then at least a few there would notice his condition and try to cheer him up. He is very unlikely to be avoided, left alone. Man who is Coarse, vulgar, uncivil, in speech and behaviour would undoubtedly be left well alone. Even if he himself seeks their company, he would still find himself cold-shouldered. This line of argument made the Members select COARSE.

4. "To know what is behind a — calls for considerable psychological insight." DREAD, Dream?

It was admitted that Dreams can be explained from the psychological point of view. For example, it is said that a person who has gone to bed on a very full stomach would have particular types of dreams and so on. But several dreams are so silly that they do not require any psychological investigation. Every Dread, however, has definitely to be tackled if one were to overcome it. Not all people can know why men Dread certain things in a certain way. To know what is behind it, we should have a certain amount of psychological insight. Otherwise, we cannot know what causes the dread or we might even mistake the wrong to be the real cause. DREAD was thus preferred.

5. "Married life can continue to be an unending romance if the partners know how to — each other well." TICKLE, Tackle?

Tackling implies that one party is not well disposed. And this tackling would only be to pacify the party. In view of the tone of the Clue, it was felt by the Members that choice of Tackle would mean by implication that the partners are temperamentally not suited. This view, they felt, had no support even by any hint in the Clue. "Unending romance" clearly meant that it was a romance all

right till a certain age or period. It could be perpetuated if the partners know how to Tickle, amuse, each other well. TICKLE won the vote.

8. "Champions of democracy have the conviction that the religious faith of the average Indian would make him — Communism." DESIST, Resist?

It was held that Resist meant that the Communist creed is making inroads and that the type of person referred to is putting up a fight against it. The feeling that the religious faith of the average Indian would not allow him to have anything to do with it at all led to dropping of Resist here. The average Indian would have nothing to do with it. His religious faith would make him Desist, forbear, avoid, keep away or abstain from Communism. This was held to be a correct appreciation of the position. DESIST was therefore chosen.

14. "To treat a — with indifference may have unpleasant after effects." ROUGH, Cough, Tough?

An extremely bad and persistent Cough, it was held, should not be treated with indifference. But an ordinary, casual coughing may be ignored. As the Clue was not specific about the type of Cough it was rejected. A Tough is a bully. While he may be bad when he deals with those who are his inferiors in body or courage, he won't be bad when he has to deal with one stronger than himself. But a Rough is in a different category altogether. He is a rowdy, one who will always behave in a disorderly manner. He won't care even if the person he is dealing with is superior to him. So, to treat such a person with indifference may have unpleasant effects. ROUGH won the vote.

DOWN

6. "That which ruins many racegoers is their tendency to — too much when in the enclosure." WAGER, Wager?

To Wager too much alone cannot be held to be the only cause for the ruin of the racegoers. If he had wagered a big amount on a horse which won, his profits

would have also been proportionately bigger. On this ground, Wager was rejected. It is a fact that most racegoers lose heavily because of their tendency to Waver. Instead of deciding on one horse and betting, they usually go on changing their decisions whenever they hear others discussing other horses. By this way they finally lose for they invariably find that their first decision was correct. The Members felt that WAGER was quite correct in describing the mind of the racegoers and the final effect on them.

7. "It is always advisable to think twice before getting involved in an argument with a — man." SURLY, Burly?

Just because a man is bulky, Burly, it was held, a man should not feel afraid of him. A bulky man may look prepossessing but may have a very amicable disposition. It cannot, therefore, follow that we should avoid getting involved in an argument with a bulky, burly, man. A Surly man is one who is ill-tempered, brusque. As it is, he is not good company. How much worse should he be when he is feeling very vexed when caught in an argument! It is always advisable, therefore, to think twice (that is to say, not to get involved) before we get into an argument with such an individual. SURLY thus scored.

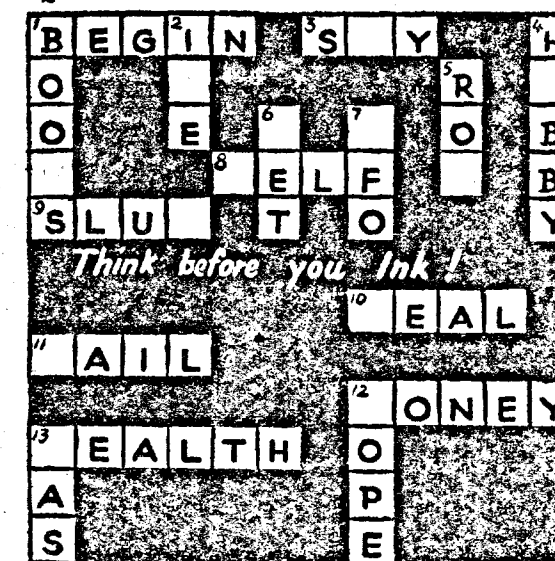
9. "Instead of bemoaning Fate for his thorough failure, wise man would immediately embark on a new — altogether." LIFE, Line?

Failure is the result of several causes. Hence, merely trying a new Line of business or profession would not be enough. If man's habits remain the same, can a new Line alone help him to succeed? No, it was held. He will not only have to change over to a new line but also to a new Life altogether. He must himself become different. The Line is a particularisation while Life is a comprehensive generalisation. Life thus includes Line. The members therefore voted for LIFE.

10. "Bad — can cause considerable damage." FLOOD, Blood?

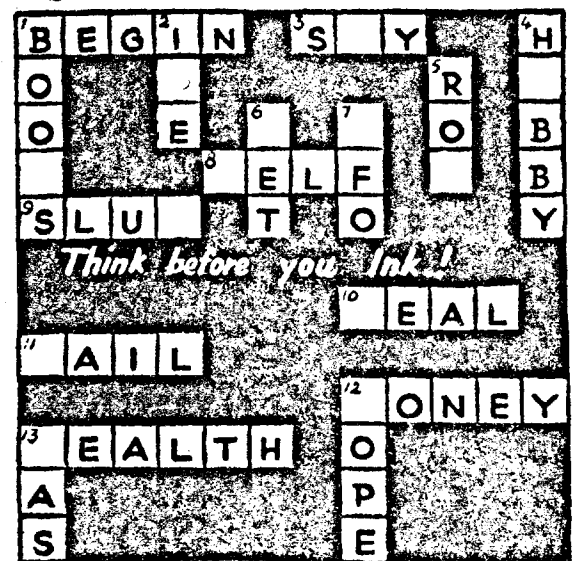
"Bad blood" referred to feelings of enmity between two or more persons. And it was held that such "bad blood" could cause only "harm" rather than "damage." The word "damage" is usually used to describe the destruction to property, etc. Hence, Blood was not fancied. Ordinary Flood can cause a certain amount of damage but a bad Flood can cause considerable damage to buildings, fields, trees, cattle, and even lives. FLOOD was thus preferred.

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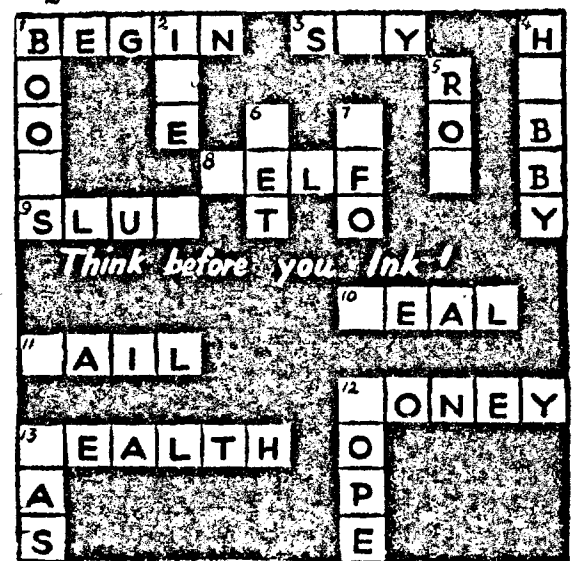
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INTERLOCKERS

Across: 11. "One who has always been — can never properly understand the plight of those who are not." **HEALTHY, Wealthy?**

Down: 11. "To a — mind, nothing can be as good as a long sleep." **HEAVY, Weary?**

Just because a man is wealthy he will not be so blind as not to know the plight of those who are poor. He might not help those in distress but cannot be ignorant of the poor people's plight. Hence, *Wealthy* was rejected. A *Healthy* man not only feels proud of his health and boasts of it even but he also looks with contempt on those who are sickly. Unless he has himself suffered from the plight of sickness, a man who has always been healthy can never understand the plight of those who are not healthy. **HEALTHY** won.

While *Weary* suggested only a tired feeling, *Heavy* was felt to be wider in its reference. A mind can be said to be *Heavy* when it is overburdened with sorrow or grief, when it is perplexed by problems, when it gets dullened due to sheer exhaustion, etc. In such a state of mind, a person can do nothing. The best thing he can and should do is to have a long, deep sleep. This sleep would make his mind feel fresh, ready to grapple anything. The choice was a quick one and that was the word **HEAVY**.

Across: 12. "The more sensitive a young man, the easier it is to — him." **SHAME, Shame?**

Down: 13. "Man who is this is not likely to have cordial relations with his neighbours." **MUG, Pig?**

Just because a young man is sensitive, it does not follow that it will be easy to *Shame* him, mould his character, etc. Even though he is sensitive, he may have a sense of sturdy independence. How then can it be asserted that the more sensitive a young man is, the easier it is to *Shame* him? Sensitiveness makes a person dread any scene or misbehaviour in the public. Hence, the more sensitive a young man, the easier it should be to *Shame* him. All that one has to do is to question or ridicule him in a loud tone before others. **SHAME** was quickly preferred.

A man is described as a *Pig* if he has an obstinate nature. A man who has such a nature does not usually go about arguing or disagreeing with others. It is only when others force their views on him that he may behave in an undesirable manner. "Not likely to have cordial relations" implies that he is responsible for that condition. But the case is different where a *Mug*, a simpleton or fool, is concerned. He may not know what to say, when, how and to whom and may, therefore, make himself not only a nuisance but also a cause for much embarrassment and even of mischief. Hence, it is clear that he is not likely to have cordial relations with his neighbours. This view fixed the choice of **MUG**.

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— COMPETITION EDITOR.

MYWORDS No. 25

CLOSING DATE: 7th August '53

Fixed Words

Across:— 1. BEGIN.

Down:— 2. IRE. 7. EFO.

Alternatives

Across:— 3. SHY, SLY.

8. PELF, SELF.

9. SLUC, SLUM, SLUT.

10. DEAL, MEAL.

11. RAIL, WAIL.

Down:— 1. BOOBS, BOOKS, BOORS.

4. HOBBY, HUBBY.

5. ROT, ROW.

6. LET, WET.

Interlockers

Across:— 12. HONEY, MONEY.

Down:— 12. HOPE, MOPE.

Across:— 13. HEALTH, WEALTH.

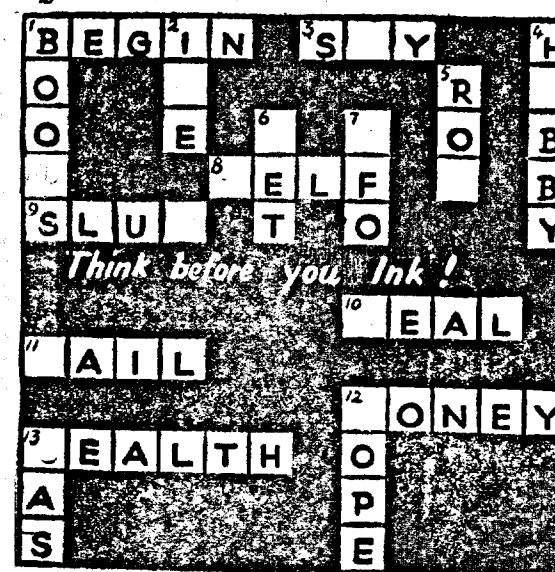
Down:— 13. HAS, WAS.

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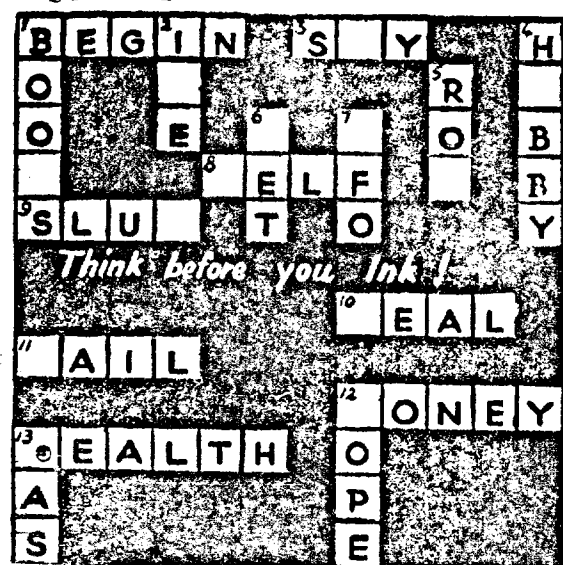
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- DOWN:** 2. BREAD, BREAK 4. IDEAL, IDEAS 5. GAGE 6. JOT, LOT, POT 7. FLIGHT, FRIGHT 8. SLIPSHOD 10. INDOLENT, INSOLENT 12. ADORES, ADORNS 15. ADAPT, ADOPT 16. AGAIN 17. BIDE, HIDE 18. BAT, PAT.

ACROSS

3. "Lazy and inefficient boss is not likely to bother his head much about — clerks." **FILING, FIRING, FIXING?**

Filing should be rejected. If accepted, does it not mean that the boss would bother his head about other clerks? Would the lazy and inefficient one do so? He won't bother about anything at all. For Firing or dismissing clerks, the boss, however lazy and inefficient he might be, would surely have to tell them why he is doing so or at least have to know through the manager the reason for such an action. "Is not likely to bother", in the Clue, clearly shows that Firing cannot be apt. "Fixing clerks" means employing or entertaining new clerks. The lazy and inefficient boss would surely not like to bother his head about interviewing the candidates who have applied for the job of clerks. He would quickly and gladly leave the entire matter of interview and selection to his manager so that he may not be bothered. **FIXING** scores.

7. "As a rule, the more successful a lawyer the more are his —" **FEES, FOES?**

The success of a lawyer should not be measured in terms of the number of cases won by him but the kind of cases in which he had succeeded. A lawyer who has won in a thousand petty cases cannot be called a great lawyer whereas one who has won in even two or three big cases is considered a big lawyer. **Foes** are enemies. It is likely that the more successful a lawyer is in criminal cases, the more enemies would he have for he is dealing with crime and criminals. It is not stated in the Clue that the lawyer deals with such cases only. In civil cases or test cases, lawyer is not likely to have **Foes** in proportion to his success. With success comes prestige and with prestige, professional standards rise. Hence, as a rule, the more successful a lawyer the more are his **Fees**, charges, for handling cases. Vote for **FEES**.

9. "Nowadays, few would deny that great powers have the — to dictate to smaller nations." **FIGHT, MIGHT, RIGHT?**

The word **Right** cannot be apt at all. And there should not be any difficulty in rejecting the word **Right**. On what grounds can the **Right** of a great power to dictate to a small power be justified? The **Right** that

is conceded is political tyranny of the worst kind. These days, the hoarse cry is not only for defending democracy wherever it obtains but to spread it in countries where it is not practised. When such is the reality of the political situation, how on earth can we say that "nowadays" few or none would deny that the big powers have the **Right** to dictate to smaller nations? The fact of the matter is that big powers like America and Russia not only have men and money but have such ultra-modern weapons of warfare like the atom bomb, hydrogen bomb, etc. They have, thus, the **Might**, the necessary military strength, to dictate to smaller powers. **MIGHT** scores.

By "SPOTTER"

13. "When circumstantial evidence is overwhelmingly against him, accused is usually — to be guilty." **BOUND, FOUND?**

Remember that **Bound** here clearly means that there could possibly be no exceptions to the rule. When direct evidence is lacking to convict a man, the prosecution would try to show by bringing in circumstantial evidence to secure a conviction. Circumstantial evidence is not **Bound** to convict a man for the judge can give the benefit of doubt to the accused if the circumstantial evidence is not corroborated by the material facts of the case. Thus the absoluteness of **Bound** cannot give room to the exceptions. From what has already been stated it is easy to see that when circumstantial evidence is overwhelmingly against him, accused is "usually" **Found** to be guilty. The "usually" which provides for exceptions is thus apt only in the case of **Found** here. Back **FOUND**.

14. "The older the — the less it is likely to fetch in the market." **HORSE, HOUSE?**

The word "likely" in the Clue makes me prefer **Horse** here. In the matter of houses, it cannot be said that invariably they are likely to fetch less the older they are. While usually they are likely to fetch less in the market there are cases when they would not only not fetch less but fetch more. This may be due to the antiquity of the house or its association with a certain personage which does tend to put up its value to a particular class of buyers. But in the matter of horses, they can never fetch more. The older a horse is, the less it is likely to fetch in the market. Even Derby winners have been sold for a shock-

ingly small sum just because they have become old and therefore useless. Vote for **HORSE**.

20. "Wise government seldom — too much." **ENACTS, EXACTS?**

Enacts here should be taken to mean the collecting of taxes. Taxable capacity varies from country to country. Besides, it is difficult for us to say when the taxation becomes too much. What exactly constitutes just taxation is difficult to say. Hence, reject **Enacts**. The word **Enacts** refers to the passing of laws. A really wise government would not undertake too much of legislation. For effective enforcement of laws, government should have only a limited number of laws only. Even when there are only a few laws, we are only too familiar with the vast volume of litigation. If the laws are more, not only will there be a greater volume of litigation but also much difficulty in the enforcement of laws. Go in for **ENACTS**.

21. "In India, a fairly early return to self-sufficiency in food does — seem likely." **NOT, NOW?**

With the word **Not**, the Clue would have been apt a couple of years ago for the food scarcity then was rather acute. It is exactly because we have more production of food stuff in our own country that the system of food grains rationing has been done away with in several parts of the country. In addition to this, we should remember that several irrigation projects like the construction of dams to help greater lands to come under the plough have been undertaken and some even executed. The food yield, therefore, is bound to be greater. How then can we be right in indulging in the rather gloomy and unpatriotic view that a fairly early return to self-sufficiency in food does **Not** seem likely? The Five-Year Plan is meant more for increased agricultural activity than industrial expansion. The rains have also been more plentiful. Hence, a fairly early return to self-sufficiency in food does **Now** seem likely. Back **NOW**.

DOWN

2. "After serving long sentence, convict may find it pretty difficult to get —" **BREAD, BREAK?**

"To get **Bread**" means to get food to feed himself. This, in my opinion, is not such an impossible thing. "Pretty difficult" surely exaggerates the position. If

he can do nothing else on the honest side, nothing prevents a convict from begging. The only thing he should not do is to steal or commit anything that is not lawful. Because of the long sentence served in the jail, convict ceases to have any outside contacts. Hence, when he comes out he would not only not find any one known to him but would also not be helped by anyone when he lets them know he is straight from the prison. He would thus find it difficult to get a *Break*, a chance or opening whereby he can be decently employed and manage to earn an honest living. This view is quite true to the realities of the prospects that an ex-convict has to face. Bet on **BREAK**.

4. "Sometimes, even his followers cannot see eye to eye with fanatic's" **IDEAL, IDEAS?**

An *Ideal* is the vision one sees in his mind's eye and which he wants to realise in reality. To a fanatic, his *Ideal* is a near certainty. His determination to achieve the *Ideal* would be matched only by the great endurance with which he would overcome all obstacles. The followers of a fanatic know what his *Ideal* is and there is no reason at all for them to fail to see eye to eye with the same. Nor is it likely that the fanatic's *Ideal* would change frequently. Remember that the man is described as a "fanatic." In his eagerness and determination to achieve his *Ideal*, the fanatic is not likely to bother much about the means and methods he would have to adopt. Hence, when he does have certain *Ideas*, plans, to achieve his *Ideal* his followers may sometimes not see eye to eye, agree, with him. The followers need not necessarily be equally fanatical. Hence, they may disagree. **IDEAS** thus scores.

6. "Few little children would say no to a — of jam!" **JOT, LOT, POT?**

Knowing as we all do the partiality of children for anything that tastes sweet, we can reject *Jot* here. A "little" (*Jot*) of jam may not at all be to their liking. *Lot*, in my opinion, will have to yield pride of place to *Pot* for the simple reason of its vagueness. How much exactly does *Lot* signify? Surely no one would ever think of jam in terms of barrels! The moment we hear the word "jam," we are certain to immediately visualise jam in tins. These tins may be small ones of a quarter pound capacity or of a pound or two-pound capacity. These tins of jam are usually referred to as "jam pots." Here, *Pot* need not necessarily mean an earthen pot. It means a tin pot, of course. When a *Pot* of jam is offered to children, are they likely to refuse it? No! Vote for **POT**.

7. "It's a poor general who takes — just because his troops are outnumbered." **FLIGHT, FRIGHT?**

Flight means fleeing in great terror. When a general finds that his troops are outnumbered, he may either take to *Flight* or take *Fright*. If he takes *Fright*, feels the great fear that there is no chance of escape for his troops and himself, he may either order cessation of fight and surrender or, in a desperate bid to try his best, issue

various orders to fight. In his *Fright*, he may not have a clear and calm mind and would therefore issue hasty and wrong orders at the crucial moment. He would thus merit being described as being a "poor" general. But a general who takes *Flight*, leaving his troops to the mercy of the enemy and with thoughts of saving his skin only, deserves to be described as something more than "poor." He would be a contemptible general. As the word "poor" is the pointer, back **FRIGHT**.

10. "If a youth is habitually —, his upbringing and environment may be largely responsible." **INDOLENT, INSOLENT?**

Upbringing is likely to be the cause of habitual insolence, but to say that environment also could be partly responsible is not correct. So, reject *Insolent*. If the parents are not strict, allow too much freedom, a youth is bound to be *Indolent*. Environment also adds to such a habit, undoubtedly. Back **INDOLENT**.

12. "Man who — his fiancée may well wonder after marriage what prompted him to do so!" **ADORES, ADORNS?**

The word *Adores* has to be rejected on grammatical grounds. The second half of the Clue suggests regret on the part of the man for something he had already done. But "*Adores*" indicates an action that still continues. Hence, there is a contradiction in terms of time sequence. So, reject *Adores*. Before marriage, man usually *Adorns* his fiancée. He would bedeck her with jewellery. When the marriage is over and the romantic element of the union gives place in course of time to the realities of domestic discord, he may well wonder how on earth he could have loved her and given her all the jewels, etc. **ADORNS** should score.

15. "We're apt to get annoyed when others — our ideas and present them as their own." **ADAPT, ADOPT?**

Man who adapts our ideas and presents them as his own is not so bad as man who adopts those ideas to call them later as his own. If a man were to *Adapt* our ideas it means he shows some originality at least for he does not copy absolutely but modifies the ideas according to his requirements. If a man were to *Adopt* another's ideas, it means he is stealing them wholesale without so much of a "Thank you" even! We're apt to get annoyed with the latter type only. **ADOPT** should win.

Interlockers

Across: 17. "Man who spends best part of his life — is likely to miss many of its joys." **BOARDING, HOARDING?**

The word *Boarding* here refers to the eating of meals at a hotel. Man who is forced to have only hotel meals during the best part of his life would only miss the joy of eating homely food. It cannot be said that he would miss "many" of the joys of

life merely because he has to take hotel meals. Things would, however, be different in the case of those who are given to *Hoarding*. Once a person develops the craze for hoarding, he would cheerfully undergo every kind of self-denial so that he can save the greatest possible amount of money. Such a person would hate company, would discourage relative's visits, etc. By such behaviour stretched over a number of years, he would have missed the joys of living well and moving freely with others. Even if such a person were to become less miserly in later years, he still cannot enjoy at sixty what he could have when he was thirty. **HOARDING** scores.

Down: 17. "When police drive is on, dope traffickers often find it prudent to — a while." **BIDE, HIDE?**

Bide means to wait for. Police "drive" means the police are out searching for the smugglers as well as for the contraband goods. When such is the position, what should the dope traffickers do? Should they *Bide* for a while or *Hide* for a while? If they know that the police is searching a particular place only, then we can understand their desire to *Bide* for a while somewhere else. But they would be well advised to *Hide* for a while their goods as well as themselves in a safe place until such time as the "drive" by the police is over. Not only is this view better, it is also fixed by the choice of the word at 17 **ACROSS**. Go in for **HIDE**.

Across: 18. "Young and old often differ in their idea of the right kind of —" **BRIDE, PRIDE?**

"Right kind of" here, in my opinion, should not be confused with the larger question of love marriage or parental choice. Who will be considered as the right kind of *Bride* by the old and the young? The girl who is well educated or not, etc., etc? I feel that the position today is such that there is no such thing as the opinion of the young as opposed to the opinion of the old in this matter. What prevent several young and old men having the same opinion? The right kind of *Bride* is nowadays decided more in terms of the greater influence that can be had through the alliance. There is bound to be difference of opinion between the young and old regarding their idea of what is the right kind of *Pride*. To the experienced and conservative old people, *Pride* can be of the right kind if it is born of social eminence, big bank balance, etc. But to the young, right kind of *Pride* is that which is born of sheer achievement, great popularity, etc. Enter **PRIDE**.

Down: 18. "Sonny usually feels proud when he gets — from appreciative parent." **BAT, PAT?**

"Proud" in the Clue is the pointer here. If the son is presented with a *Bat*, he will feel quite happy. But the psychological reaction should be more, undoubtedly, if the appreciative parents *Pat* sonny on back and tell him that he has done well. It would be matter for feeling more proud for sonny if the *Pat* is given by appreciative parents before others. Back **PAT**.

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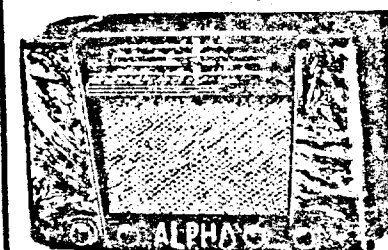
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As there is still plenty of time for submitting entries for SQUAREWORD No. D-14 (the Closing Date for it is 8th August, '53), Second Thoughts on the same are published below for the benefit of the SQUAREWORD fans.

— "Spotter".

2nd Thoughts:

Squareword No. D-14
(Closing Date:—8-8-'53)

ACROSS

8. "Scarcely" in the Clue confirms the choice of NICE.
9. *Riled* surely does not make much sense in the context of "making hubby think" in the Clue. Back RULED.
10. If we prefer *Tidy*, it would mean branding our fellowmen as being guilty of cupidity. Hence, back TINY.
13. "Spitefulness" is a definite pointer for the selection of PRUDE here.
16. Even though *Some* was first recommended, I feel it would be safer to permute both the words SOME and SORE here.
17. It is safer to rely on the likely thing than assert absolutely. So prefer COULD.
18. Could a man who is a "companion" be *Cross* in deed? Surely not. Hence, CRASS is the better word.
19. I feel that the "usually" in the Clue indicates *Fights*. If a man *Rights* serious wrong suffered by public he is bound to get public applause every time and not "usually only." So back FIGHTS.
20. INDOLENT is confirmed.

DOWN

1. Considering that boss can always frighten his employee, previous choice of *Scare* does not seem quite apt. Even though he is one of several employees, worker is apt to exaggerate his importance and claim boss can never *Spare* him! Back SPARE.
2. MIXED still stands.
5. I see no reason to change previous choice of SACRED.
7. Not the deformity but the change in mentality only evokes sympathy. So Back REFORMED.
11. I feel that *Reward* need not necessarily be in cash only. Even *Regard* is a kind of *Reward*. So go in for REWARD.
12. PRESS is the right word here.
13. *Poison* sounds silly. So bet' on PRISON.
14. I feel that it is better to "permute both BOUGHT and SOUGHT here.
15. For reasons already stated, FACES alone can be apt.

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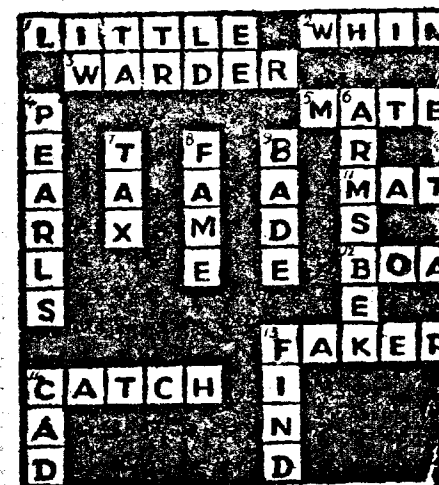
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